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Manchester City defender Dave Watson (right) beats Bristol City striker Kevin Mabbutt to the ball.

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HOW TO MAKE ENGLAND A WORLD POWER AGAIN

VIEWS FROM FOUR TOP MANAGERS:

Bob Paisley (L'pool)
John Bond (Norwich)
Bobby Robson (Ipswich)
John Neal (M'boro)

'Players must receive encouragement'

BOBBY ROBSON (Ipswich)

IN THIS country we have a great habit of disparaging things, and at present it is the England team that is the target of the knockers. England players are not supposed to have any talent, any tactics or be good at any aspect of the game.

All this criticism can make players feel they are beaten before they start — their chances are written off before any game by defeatist talk from all sides which erodes confidence instead of building it up.

Instead of condemning the England side, the fans should get solidly behind it. The players must receive encouragement and feel they can win a match, instead of being told the opposition is better than we are in all departments.

And this is simply not the case — England have good players. But at the moment it is a fact we lack great players such as Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Moore or Bobby Charlton, whereas Holland have had Cruyff, Germany their Beckenbauer, and Italy have Causio.

Yet I don't rate the Continentals as being superior to us, and there is nothing wrong with England that two star players couldn't put right. A beginning ought to be made now to boost our players' morale and prepare them for future international matches by giving them the support they need.

Admittedly, there was disappointment in the result against Luxembourg — but if a First Division side, say, went to Halifax and won 2-0 in a Cup game it would be satisfied at winning.

Let's stop knocking England, and instead, give our players a lift.



Bobby Charlton scores for England against Austria at Wembley in 1965.



HOW ENGLAND CAN BECOME

A WORLD

Why has England again failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals? What should be done to ensure that it doesn't happen for the third time, in 1982? We asked four of the Football League's most experienced club managers for their suggestions on . . .

'Squad should be together for weeks'

JOHN NEAL (Middlesbrough)

I THINK ONE of the secrets of playing football that gets the best results is for the players to go out on to the pitch and enjoy their game. But in recent seasons the pressure put upon England has been excessive — it destroys players.

It takes an exceptional type of man to be relaxed under pressure, but Raich Carter was one who

Caretaker-boss Ron Greenwood explains new tactics to some of the England players during a training session.

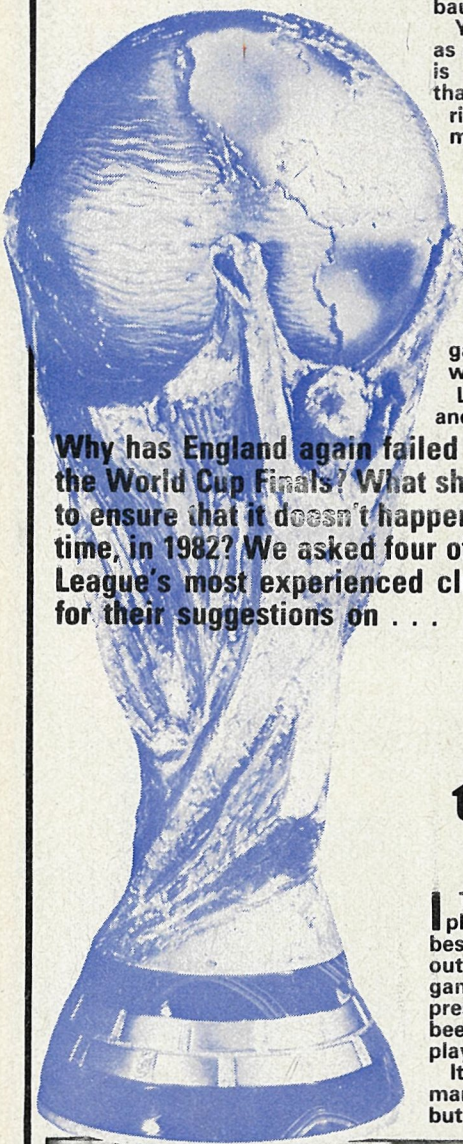
could cope when there was tension all around him. And the Continentals adapt themselves to pressure because they are encouraged to enjoy their football, to indulge more in the skills of the game than our players.

But I don't accept the view Continental players are more skilful than ours. In shooting and finishing, they have drawn level but are not ahead — though it's a fact there is not a Jimmy Greaves around in English football today.

To help England to improve, I think the international squad should be together for five or six weeks to be properly prepared for a match. As matters stand at the

moment, our players are taking part in two matches a week then thrown straight into the deep end when they have to turn out for England.

Looking back, I believe the pressure build-up for England took place when we played Poland and failed to qualify for the 1974 World Cup. Ever since then, our players have never had a chance to settle down to show their natural talents. Now we must give them a chance to do this and to express themselves. Then we'll do better.



'Work to a long-term plan'

BOB PAISLEY (Liverpool)

MORE TIME should be spent in preparation for the England team — special games should be mapped out well beforehand and an early start made in getting ready for them.

And there should not be the pressure put among the players as there was before the match with Luxembourg — to set them a

target of ten goals before the game simply meant putting them in an impossible situation.

If time is given to proper preparation, we can beat the Continentals. At club level, Liverpool have proved this — but we took time to study their methods and style. A similar study can be made at international level.

I don't subscribe to the view Continental players are better than

English — but they relish it when our players are placed under the sort of pressure they have been lately. And time has been all against Ron Greenwood doing the job in the way he wants to do it.

In one respect, we have fallen behind recently, in the art of finishing. We were once the masters at finishing, and the Continentals were very bad at it — but they kept plugging away at improving their shooting and we must polish up on it to regain our previous standard.

In this country we should work to a long-term plan, and we have the players and coaches who can hold their own with the best. In England, we have a more gruelling League programme than the teams abroad, and there are heavy mental and physical strains placed on our players.

This means that in actual matches, players should be economical in what they do — they have to learn how to best conserve their energies over a long period.

Paul Mariner (white shirt) on the ball for England v. Luxembourg in their recent 2-0 World Cup win.



POWER AGAIN

'We'll have to change our methods'

JOHN BOND (Norwich City)

Holland's Johan Cruyff (dark shirt) and Bertie Vogts of West Germany in action in the 1974 World Cup Final in West Germany.



THE REASON why many players who are successful at club level fail in the England team is because they are used to a physical game with their clubs. Our sides play forceful football, with continued use of the long ball, and at international level it plays right into the hands of the Continentals.

In situations like this, Continental players can take possession of the ball and keep it for long spells in a game — they are better under pressure than our players, and also finish better.

Some of our club managers are not too fussy about the methods they use to get results. They adopt physical tactics, instead of teaching their players to think about the game more, as the Continentals do. And due to our lack of solid thinking about football, we are falling behind at international level.

The future doesn't look promising, and it is certain we'll have to change our methods — but the question is whether our coaches are good enough, and whether they will go ahead on the right

lines in the years to come.

I believe we have the players available in this country to do well in international competition, but it remains to be seen if we can develop them in the right conditions.

Our recent record in international games is an indictment of

our football at club level, and the way in which our League sides are playing week after week.

To improve and to win against the Continentals, we must plan to match them in essentials such as technique, composure under pressure and in the art of taking chances.

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SHOOT 1



'I WILL NOT BE MOVED!'

That could be the theme song of Ipswich 'keeper Paul Cooper, who is determined to hang on to his first team place.

IT'S a good job Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper does not believe everything he reads in the newspapers.

For if he paid attention to the sports pages, particularly during the last few months, he would think his days at Portman Road were numbered.

Instead, he is turning in some five-star performances as the Suffolk side battle away to get over an indifferent start and try to climb the table to a Championship-challenging position as they have done so successfully for the past five seasons.

Says Paul: "Almost every time I picked up a paper I read about Ipswich being interested in this or that goalkeeper. Being the man in possession, I was naturally concerned.

"At the same time, however, I dismissed a lot of it as speculation. It was getting to the stage the papers were linking Ipswich with just about any top 'keeper who was unsettled.

"You could say I was annoyed — but it was in the best possible way. I didn't rush in to the manager with a transfer request or anything silly like that. I just became more

determined to hold on to my place.

"I worked harder and harder in training and just tried to brush up on my overall goalkeeping. And as every game went by I was really pleased with the improvement in my game."

When Pat Jennings was mentioned as a possible Ipswich signing in the close season, Paul took exactly the same attitude.

"It did look fairly certain at one time he would be joining us. And if that had been the case he certainly wouldn't be coming to Ipswich for a reserve place, so I would have had to think about my own future.

"Elsewhere"

"But I suppose that's what football is all about. If you're not considered the best for the job then you might as well try your luck elsewhere. It happens to plenty of players.

"I'm happy at Ipswich and with my form. But who knows what the future holds? I can only talk about the present and I doubt if I could be with a better club."

Paul moved to Portman Road in July, 1974, for a fee of £30,000 after showing up well during a one month loan spell. He started as

second choice but has now overtaken the other Ipswich goalkeeper, Laurie Sivell.

There was a spell last season when Sivell was reinstated and Paul still has bad dreams when he thinks about the game that led to him being dropped.

"It was Aston Villa away," he recalls, "and we lost 5-2. We hadn't done too badly for about an hour of that game but then Andy Gray struck and we finished up being well beaten.

"I only missed three games before getting my place back and from then until the end of the season I wasn't dropped again. When I did miss a first team game it was through injury."

Paul, in fact, was forced to play several games towards the end of the season with a nasty thigh injury because at the same time Sivell was incapacitated with a groin strain.

"Now and again the thigh was very painful. In fact, I still feel it from time to time. It went one day when I was practising some dead ball kicking. I just felt it rip and when it didn't clear up after a few weeks I saw a specialist.

"He said the thigh might never be the same again and the only

way it did stand any chance of getting completely better was a long spell of rest. So that's what I did in the summer.

"It seemed to work because when I started training and playing again it felt easier. I've been able to take my own goal-kicks, for instance, which I couldn't do towards the end of last season."

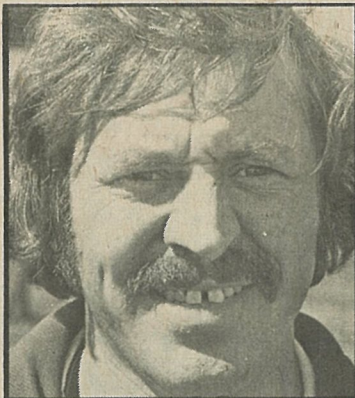
Paul is now keeping his fingers crossed he will be able to enjoy an uninterrupted run of first team games. But with Laurie Sivell waiting in the wings he knows he cannot afford to relax.

"Competition"

"If my form did suffer and Laurie got back in he's good enough to hold the place. There's strong competition for every place at Ipswich so we're all kept on our toes."

Now in his third season as first choice goalkeeper, Paul is still only 23. "I was in the Birmingham first team at 17 and helped them to promotion and the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals," he says, "so I've packed some experience into my career so far.

"I'm still pretty young for a 'keeper. I was 20 when Ipswich bought me and it turned out to be a good move. The funny thing is if Birmingham had not signed Gary Sprake from Leeds I might still have been at St. Andrews!"



'GONE TO JAIL'

DOUG FRASER, the former Forest and West Brom defender, who was sacked as Walsall manager in the early part of the year... is now in prison!

Fraser is still on the right side of the bars, though, as a trainee prison officer in Nottingham. He was persuaded to try the job by another ex-Forest star Bobby McKinlay.

Said Doug: "I have to do a year's probation work and when I have learned a little more about the job I would like to specialise in physical training."

A LOVELY MONTH FOR BLADES



WHAT a "beautiful" month October turned out to be for Sheffield United. Under caretaker-manager Cec Coldwell (a former right-back with the club) The Blades took ten points from six games — beating Southampton, Notts County, Burnley, and Fulham, all at Bramall Lane, and drawing away with Mansfield and Millwall.

Mr Coldwell told SHOOT: "Those results can be credited to the instant working relationship the players and I managed to establish. They responded right from the start to my ideas which were designed to help them individually and collectively and I am proud of them."

"My first priorities were to improve the defensive set-up and to give the forwards more freedom... not to tie them down too much with particular duties. Chico Hamilton for instance has now got a renewed enthusiasm... possibly he was asked to do too much before... working inside and at the back too much didn't suit him."

● The Sheffield United Supporters Club played their part in making October a beautiful month to remember. They crowned 19-year-old Andrea Butcher (above) as Miss Sheffield United 1977.

FIRST ROUND F.A. CUP FACTS

STOCKPORT COUNTY fans will be grateful for a goal — let alone an F.A. Cup victory v. Scunthorpe — when the First Round games are played on Saturday (November 26th). County have not scored in any of their last seven ties — a post-War record.

BOBBY SHINTON (Wrexham), Brian Joicey (Barnsley), Eddie Rowles (Darlington) and Paul Maguire (Shrewsbury), were the hat-trick stars of the F.A. Cup First Round games a year ago. But none of them scored their threesomes as quickly as Gary Talbot (Chester) and Jack Swindells (Altrincham) did in the Sixties. Each needed only three minutes... Swindells heading his three against Scarborough and Talbot scoring his hat-trick against Crewe.

The 48 Third and Fourth Division clubs entering the First Round on Saturday

will be hoping Monday's (November 28th) Second Round draw works out similarly to last season. The 40 games were watched by 218,780 fans — an increase of 15,716 on the 1975 figure and the top First Round total of the Seventies. Twenty-six League clubs had home ties, and Aldershot, Bournemouth, Cambridge, Crewe, Rotherham and Southport all reported their highest crowds of the season.

Southport have been knocked out at the first hurdle of the F.A. Cup in each of the last eight seasons. Their last First Round victory was a 1-0 win over Tranmere in 1968-69. They then lost to Darlington in the next round. Southport's last Third Round appearance was ten years ago. Everton, beaten by West Brom in the Final, began their run with a 1-0 win at Haig Avenue. The receipts of £6,175 were a record which stands today.

AN English team could win promotion to the Scottish First Division if Berwick Rangers keep up their form.

With one-third of the League programme played, Berwick were on 19 points, three behind Falkirk, but with 30 goals scored are the top marksman of the Second Division.

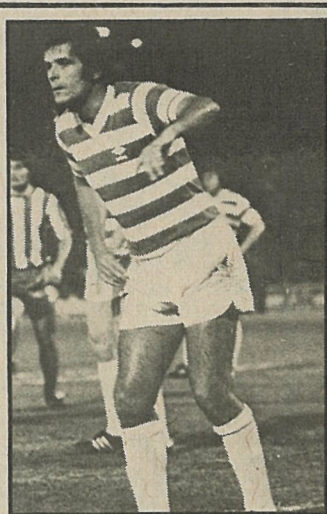
Berwick also had their biggest gate for some time, over 2,000, when Falkirk visited Shielfield Park, Tweedmouth. Last season Berwick finished in eighth place under new player-manager Dave Smith.

ALAN Mullery, the Brighton boss, certainly has his strikers on their toes.

This season he has substituted England starlet Peter Ward and also experienced Eric Potts.

"They were there to get goals," says Mullery. "And that is what I expect them to do. They know the consequences if they fail to come up with the goods."

"It's one thing to create a lot of chances — but it's putting them away that counts."



DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR CELTS

PAT STANTON hopes to be playing for Celtic again by the end of the year.

During the opening match of the season against Dundee United he received a knee injury and had to have a cartilage operation. Then he contracted jaundice.

Celtic could certainly do with his experience after their terrible start to the campaign.

● More trouble for the Parkhead club... Johannes Edvaldsson, their Icelandic international defender, has asked for a transfer.



COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

WALES need look no further than Hereford United for their next centre-half. That's how highly manager John Sillett rates his 20-year-old Swansea-born pivot Julian Marshall.

"This kid is tremendous in the air and elegant on the deck," Sillett says of the 6ft 3ins tall Marshall. "He's so good already I will be very surprised if he hasn't played for Wales by the end of the season."

WEST BROM'S 'Wolverhampton'

DEREK STATHAM, West Brom's promising defender, achieved the first part of his two part ambition for the season when he was selected for the England Under-21 side that played Finland at Hull recently.

Derek (right), who is not 19 until next March, said: "I would like to play in Europe with Albion and this means qualifying for a place this season."

"I enjoyed playing abroad with England's youth team and this has given me a taste for more travel."

It was only last December that Statham, nicknamed "Wolverhampton" — his birthplace — by his pals at The Hawthorns, made his senior debut against Stoke.

On his current form this young man seems destined for a fine future.

● An earlier item on Derek Statham (29th October News Desk) suggested Derek wrote to Albion asking for a trial.

Apparently this wasn't the case. Mr. Winwood, from Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton contacted me and stated he was in fact Albion's Midland scout at the time

Watford buy

Watford's push towards the Third Division must have been strengthened by the signing of experienced midfielder Dennis Booth.

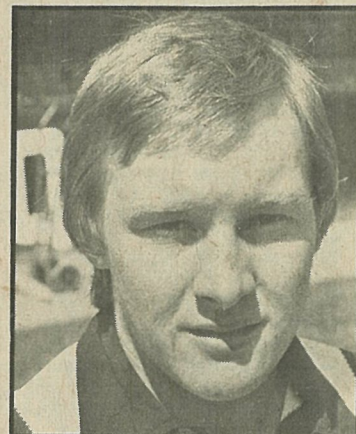
Manager Graham Taylor's signing of Booth from Lincoln, the club he managed for four and a half years, represented a nice piece of business at £15,000.

Booth, formerly with Charlton, Blackpool and Southend, actually went to Lincoln on trial from the Essex club in 1974.

Taylor got his man in the August after he had been listed by Southend and the 28-year-old Booth gave the Sincil Bank club much valuable service.

Booth, a product of Derbyshire school football, signed for Charlton as a winger and went on the professional staff in April, 1966.

He made his Football League debut at 17 (against Carlisle) and the experience he has packed in since then should prove very rewarding to ambitious Watford.



and discovered Derek playing for Wolverhampton District Under-13 boys and took him to The Hawthorns twice a week for training. He later signed on schoolboy forms and then as an apprentice.

Mr. Winwood is now chief scout in the Midlands for Leeds United.

My apologies to him and Derek, and I hope they weren't too upset at the story which was received from a usually reliable source.

Colin Lee's rise to fame



THERE'S an old saying that to take a step forward you sometimes have to take a step back first — and that's exactly what Tottenham's new scoring sensation Colin Lee has done.

Only nine months ago Colin left Bristol City for the comparative obscurity of Fourth Division Torquay United.

Even stranger is the fact Colin's first ten League appearances were as a full-back on loan to Hereford United.

A broken leg was a considerable setback and Colin felt he got into a rut at Bristol where he was no more than a regular reserve.

Frank O'Farrell persuaded him

to have a go at Torquay, though Bristol were shrewd enough to recognise Colin's latent potential and insisted on taking one-third of any profit the Plainmoor club might make.

Now they're cashing in, too, and Colin's reaction to the move is one of disbelief.

"I was content just to be scoring a few goals for Torquay, and a move to a club like Tottenham never entered my head.

"It's a fabulous chance, especially after the misery I had at Ashton Gate," says the striker who scored four goals on his Tottenham debut in the 9-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers.

IT looks as though former Newcastle, Coventry, Sheffield United and Stoke City striker John Tudor will end his career just one short of a hundred League goals.

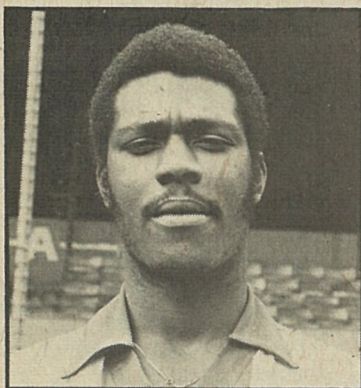
John has joined Belgian club Ghent having notched 99 League goals in a career spanning ten years. If he doesn't come home to chalk up the century, he'll be in good company. Others to finish just one goal short include Don Revie and Johnny Giles.

Long-servers for Leeds

WITH Peter Lorimer and Paul Madeley both having completed 15 years' service with Leeds United, it's a remarkable fact that six players who figured in the side together all put in that amount of time with one club.

Still at Elland Road is full-back Paul Reaney, while Jack Charlton, Billy Bremner and Norman Hunter preceded them to the milestone that few professionals reach.

50 Goal Cooke



WHEN Bradford City's West Indian centre-forward Joe Cooke scored his third League goal of the season he became only the 15th player in the club's history to total 50 for the club.

Cooke started his Valley Parade career as a centre-half but has made the number nine shirt his own over the past few seasons and becomes the first City player to reach that target since Gerry Ingram last March.

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy certainly believes in signing players with proven ability as goalscorers.

On his staff at the moment he has Ted MacDougall who began the season with a career total of 221 League goals, Alan Ball (151), Peter Osgood (128) and Phil Boyer (107). No wonder he felt he could let go of Mike Channon, who joined Manchester City with 153 League goals already behind him.



Meagan's Mark

FORMER Everton and Huddersfield favourite Mick Meagan (above left), who won 19 caps for the Republic of Ireland, has an equally talented family.

Son Mark, born in Liverpool 19 years ago, is already a Republic of Ireland youth cap and lines up each week with Johnny Giles' Shamrock Rovers. His ambition is to become a professional footballer in England.

Daughter Carol, 15, is an athlete of great promise. She is the holder of the British Women's AAA junior 1,500 metres title and a string of Irish titles.

● Picture shows Mick displaying some international souvenirs to Carol and Mark at their home in Dublin.



EVERTON'S Martin Dobson is helping the Merseysiders grow in stature on the field this term. Off the park he spends a great deal of his spare time growing plants in his greenhouse, at home in Birkdale, near Southport.

Charlton's Mike Flanagan became the first player this season to notch a hat-trick against his old club, when he blasted Spurs three times in the second-half at the Valley recently.

Last season only two players gave sharp reminders to old mates, Malcolm Macdonald for Arsenal against Newcastle, and Derek Hales for Charlton again — this time against Luton.

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In the 'Go for the Double' diagram on page 16 of the above annual, a football symbol is missing from the space between numbers '36' and '37'. Please blank this space off before tackling the puzzle. We apologise for this unfortunate error.

● Former Fulham defender Fred Callaghan has taken over as manager of Isthmian League Woking.

Callaghan who quit as manager of Champions Enfield last January, replaces Pat Finn who had ten months in the job.

October Transfers

Les Barrett	(Fulham to Millwall)
John Blackley	(Hibs to Newcastle)
Dennis Booth	(Lincoln to Watford)
Alan Duggdale	(Coventry to Charlton)
Ron Goodlass	(Everton to Breda (Holl.))
Bobby Gould	(Wolves to Bristol R.)
Leighton James	(Derby to Q.P.R.)
Colin Lee	(Torquay to Spurs)
David Lyon	(Cambridge U. to Northampton)
Tony Macken	(Derby to Walsall)
Dennis Martin	(Carlisle to Newcastle)
Don Masson	(Q.P.R. to Derby)
Paul Matthews	(Mansfield to Rotherham)
Dave Moreline	(Reading to Brentford)
Graham Moseley	(Derby to Brighton)
Lee Roberts	(Shrewsbury to Exeter)
George Smith	(Swansea to Hartlepool, player coach)
Lindsay Smith	(Colchester to Cambridge)
Ken Stephens	(Bristol R. to Hereford)
Mike Summerbee	(Blackpool to Stockport)
Rod Thomas	(Derby to Wrexham)
Frank Worthington	(Leicester to Bolton)

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

John Haselden sacked by Huddersfield Town. Len Ashurst sacked by Sheffield Wednesday. Jack Charlton appointed manager Sheffield Wed. Ron Fenton sacked by Notts Co. appointed to Nottingham F. coaching staff. Jimmy Sirrell sacked by Sheffield U. appointed boss Notts County. Roy Sproson sacked by Port Vale. John Kaye sacked by Hull City but appointed trainer coach to Scunthorpe. Wilf McGuinness sacked by York C. Bobby Collins appointed manager Hull C.

WARNING FOR SCOTS' BOSSES

Scottish managers have been given a "Lay off the referees" warning from Mr. Ernie Walker, secretary of the Scottish Football Association.

It follows a series of comments made in Sunday newspapers by some prominent managers in the Premier Division — Billy McNeill (Aberdeen), Jim McLean (Dundee United), his brother Willie (Motherwell) and Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle).

Warning club managers that the SFA are determined to clamp down on the talkative bosses, Mr Walker said: "It would seem that in some instances, the blame for defeat is placed at the referee's doorstep rather than on the shortcomings of the team concerned on that particular day."

"The authority of refereeing in general must not be permitted to be undermined by rash comment from those who should know better."

● The Irish League (Northern Ireland) will meet the Scottish League, in Glasgow, later this term, in what will be the first clash between the two Leagues for eight years, the last encounter being a 5-2 win for the Scots, in Glasgow, back in the 1969-70 term.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Ruth Watson of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. She writes:

PLAYERS—PLEASE STOP SWEARING

HOW can managers ask their teams' supporters to stop chanting obscenities when the players on the pitch set such a dreadful example?

Those fans who are near the touch-line are regularly "treated" to bad language during a game.

Supporters are hardly encouraged by players who set the wrong example. I wish they would stop using foul language and I'm sure I speak for the majority of people who attend matches.

● A good point. However, players are often carried away in the heat of the moment, hence some "industrial" language during a game. Obscene chants from the terraces are premeditated, and are the biggest blight on the game. However, I agree that players COULD show more self-restraint.

Election

OVER the past couple of years all I've heard is "play this fellow for England, drop him, give whats-his-name a chance". The same people complain all the time and will continue until something is done about it.

I suggest a General Election for the England soccer side. Let every person make his or her selection and the most popular line-up could play a friendly to see if it works.

At least this might put an end to the perpetual criticism.

SEAN RYAN,
WATERFORD.

● You can please some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time. Even in soccer.

Bias

IN your issue November 5th you ran an article on Scottish teams' performances in Europe this season. It was nothing more than English propaganda trying to cover up for England's disastrous performances home and abroad.

Remember England enter six clubs, not four. And some English clubs have failed dismally, notably Manchester United and Newcastle.

LYALL BOSWELL,
EDINBURGH.

● The article, suggested and written by one of our Scottish corres-

pondents, was a fair one. It HAS been a poor year for Scottish clubs in Europe because by and large they went out to "surprise" teams. No Scottish club reached farther than the Second Round. Does EVERYTHING that happens in Scotland have to be compared with England?

Misprint

HERE's another soccer misprint that made me laugh: "Enjoy yourself . . . go and watch Grimsby Town . . . give them a boot."

I think my local paper meant "boost"!

PETER RAWCLIFFE,
GRIMSBY.

● I hope other readers will send in funny misprints for SHOOT to publish.

Bad Fish

I MUST comment on Gordon Jago's article "Save Our Soccer" in which he suggested all-seated accommodation should be provided.

He went on to talk about American soccer and the way it's sold. All the side-shows and what have you are not for the spectators' comfort and enjoyment . . . they're the "sauce that cover up the bad fish".

American soccer, minus all its trimmings, is Third Division stuff with a few exceptions.

BRIAN DOWNES,
GALWAY.



GORDON JAGO

● Considering the Americans have only been staging soccer seriously for a few years, I'd say they've done well to reach even THAT standard in such a short time.

my soccer scene GORDON HILL



IN SHOOT'S May 7th issue I said how sad I was at the state of most London clubs, particularly those in the First Division.

"As far as I can see," I wrote, "only two have a chance of finding real success within the next year or so . . . Arsenal and Chelsea."

Now, six months later, that's only half-true because Chelsea's First Division future doesn't look all that bright at the moment.

As a Cockney in Manchester my heart still lies in old London Town and it hurts to have to admit, Arsenal apart, no club is likely to break the Northern grip for a good few years yet.

Unless there's a soccer revolution, the game's top honours will remain with the clubs in the North, despite the rise of those in the Midlands.

It's tragic that out of a total of 12 League clubs in the capital only two, West Ham and Spurs, have won a major trophy over the last five years.

Spurs took the League Cup in 1973, and West Ham the F.A. Cup in 1975. And few people outside London would regard them as sensational triumphs.

At a time when the Midlands have come to life again, with Coventry, West Brom, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City, all grabbing the limelight, London's plight looks even bleaker.

Maybe there are too many clubs in the capital and metropolitan area.

There is definitely a case for certain clubs to get together and share one ground.

Surely it's better for say Orient and West Ham to play at Upton Park, Chelsea and Fulham at Stamford Bridge, Q.P.R. and Brentford at Griffin Park, than for some of these clubs to go out of existence.

What London needs at the moment is for someone like Tommy Docherty, Brian Clough or Jackie Charlton to take over one of the First Division clubs. That would really give the place a shake up.

Mind you, United haven't exactly knocked out London's leading lights this season, or last for that matter.

Out of the eight matches against the capital teams during 1976-77 we lost five and won three — away at Spurs and at home to Q.P.R. and Arsenal.

This season we've been beaten by both Chelsea and Arsenal at Old Trafford. Not a very good record, is it?

Bill Garner scored Chelsea's sensational winner after just two minutes of our game on September 17th.

Ironically, after that result Chelsea went down instead of up. Perhaps United's scalp went to their

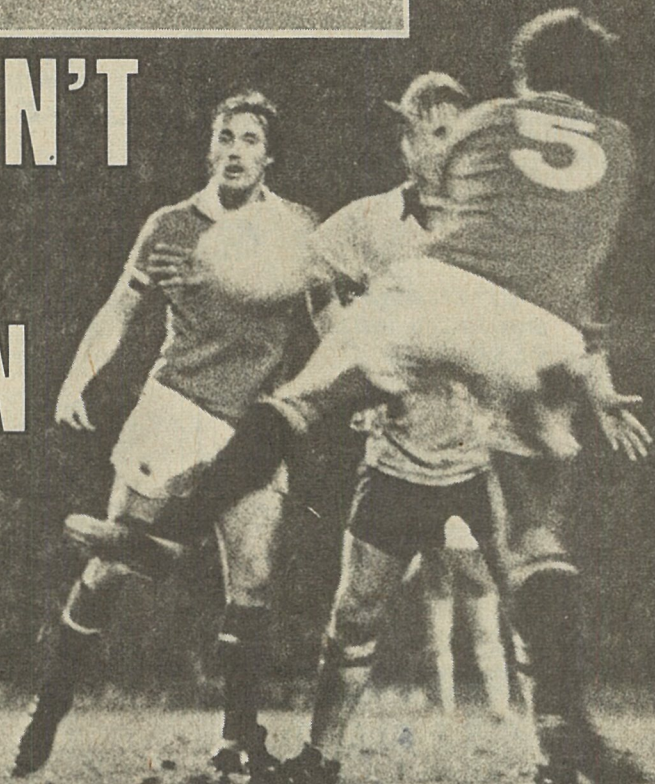


Peter Eastoe dives to head his second, and Q.P.R.'s fourth, goal v. United at Loftus Road last season. The two clubs meet again on Saturday.

'LONDON WON'T BREAK NORTHERN GRIP'



Frank Stapleton blasts home The Gunners' winning goal.



heads . . . maybe they started to believe they were better than they really were.

It's a mystery why Blues haven't made more of an impact in the First Division, following their promotion last term.

They've got the skill, with players such as Ray Wilkins, Garry Stanley, Ken Swain and Ian Britton, plus the experience of Ron Harris, Peter Bonetti, Mickey Droy and Charlie Cooke.

With little or no money available for new players, manager Ken Shillito can only hope he finds the right blend to keep Chelsea in the First.

Naturally, I hope he succeeds, because First Division football and success is vital to a club with such a crippling financial burden.

I thought United were a little unlucky to lose to Chelsea — and VERY unlucky to get beaten 2-1 by Arsenal on November 5th at Old T.

"They stole the points," said our boss Dave Sexton, and how right he was.

I put United ahead and we had The Gunners chasing shadows for much of the first-half. Then their strike force of Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton shot us down.

Parading new £200,000 signing from Wolves, Alan Sunderland,

Arsenal may have been fortunate to have taken the points, but they also proved they have the potential, character and power to be in line for some silverware this term.

New coach Don Howe could prove to be the final, vital piece of manager Terry Neill's jigsaw.

With Bertie Mee, Don was associated with Arsenal's double triumph in 1971. I've a feeling he'll play his part in bringing more success to Highbury.

United meet West Ham at Upton Park in a couple of weeks' time on December 10th.

The thoroughbreds of the First Division beat us 4-2 at the end of last season to save themselves the indignity of relegation.

While I was upset United lost, I was pleased The Hammers avoided the drop.

The fact they started this term with a string of poor results only confirmed my fears West Ham are still a long way from being considered serious challengers for honours.

Up to the beginning of the month (November) they were the only side in the League not to have won at home.

But with Derek Hales at last proving he can score goals in the First

Division, and skipper Billy Bonds back to his brilliant best after a long spell of injury, perhaps Hammers have turned the corner.

Incidentally, a belated congratulations to Billy for his international call-up for the recent England/Italy match at Wembley.

It was an honour thoroughly deserved by one of the most honest professionals in the game.

If only West Ham could turn their skill into goalscoring power and find the consistency they have lacked over the years, then they'd have a team capable of at least repeating their Wembley success of 1975.

I've left Dave Sexton's old club Q.P.R. to the last because we meet them at Loftus Road on Saturday (November 26th).

They beat us 4-0 in last season in a mid-week game in April. I missed the match because of injury, but from what I gather United deserved to lose.

Things haven't been going too well for Rangers, since they finished as Championship runners-up to Liverpool in 1975-76.

There seems to be a great deal of unrest behind the scenes at Loftus Road. Don Masson and Dave Thomas have been transferred.

Gerry Francis has been linked with several other clubs, including Manchester United. Don Givens has announced this is definitely his last season in the blue-and-white hoops.

Obviously I don't know what's caused all these problems, or what the answers are.

I do know their young boss Frank Sibley has the necessary courage to face them.

As I said a couple of weeks ago, I'm not forecasting results for a while. I just hope United are in better form this weekend than we were on our last visit to London.

One bright spot in the capital . . . Tottenham's devastating displays in the Second Division. I said back in May they would bounce straight back to the First. Thank goodness that's one Gordon Hill forecast that could well be proved right.

Cheers for now. Take care . . .

Gordon Hill

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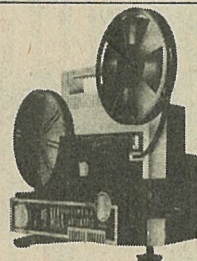
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Suspensions

LIFE BAN ON SCOTS

In September, 1975, the Scottish F.A. created a sensation by slapping a life ban on five of their players preventing them from ever again appearing for their country. The players had allegedly been involved in scenes of rowdiness at a Copenhagen night club when the police were called to eject certain people. This followed Scotland's European Championship game when they beat Denmark 1-0. The players banned following a two-hour emergency meeting of the International Selection Committee were Billy Bremner (Leeds United), Joe Harper (Hibernian), Willie Young and Arthur Graham (Aberdeen), and Pat McCluskey (Celtic). The ban was especially unfortunate for Billy Bremner, not only because he was one of Scotland's finest internationals, but because his appearance against Denmark had brought him to only one game short of equalling Denis Law's record of 55 appearances for Scotland. The ban has now been lifted.

BAD NEWS ON GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, 1915, Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-0 at Old Trafford in a game in which the play of both sides was rather puzzling, and soon afterwards a firm of bookmakers alleged it had been 'squared' for the purposes of betting which included forecasting the actual score. The bookmakers alleged several of the players of both teams had invested substantial sums and because of these allegations they were withholding payment on these correct score transactions. Subsequent inquiries by the F.A. led to eight of the players being permanently suspended and one Enoch West of Manchester United,

bringing an action for libel against a printing house, but this case was dismissed on appeal. In 1919 most of the players involved had their suspension removed as an appreciation of their War service.

BAD FOUL

Although not ordered off at the time, Walter Wadsworth, Bristol City's centre-half, was subsequently suspended for two months for misconduct in a game at Swindon in October, 1926, when it was alleged he had badly fouled Swindon forward Alex Thom. This suspension was afterwards reduced by half.

SECRETARY POACHED

In October, 1898, the Leicester Fosse secretary, W. D. Clarke, was suspended sine die for poaching Beardsley the Loughborough goalkeeper.

BARSON'S 'RECORD'

Frank Barson, a powerfully-built Yorkshireman who was one of the finest centre-halves in the country in the 1920's, claimed to have been suspended more often than any other player. Referee Jack Howcroft actually cautioned him about his conduct before the 1920 Cup Final in which Frank helped Aston Villa to beat Huddersfield Town. Late in his career when suspended for an offence on the field while playing for Watford the club's supporters got up a petition to try and get him off, alleging he was only penalised because his name was Barson. The petition failed.



Aston Villa's Frank Barson (left). Joe Harper (right) received a life ban from international football by the Scottish F.A.

Other English Competitions

AMATEURS WIN 6-1

There was a real shock in store for the Professionals when they met the Amateurs in the F.A. Charity Shield game at White Hart Lane on October 5th, 1925. True, the Professionals had included only five First Division players but they were still expected to win comfortably. Three earlier meetings in the Shield game had all resulted in victory for the Professionals. In 1925, however, it was vastly different for the Amateurs didn't just win but really hammered the Professionals 6-1. The famous Corinthian, Claude Ashton, got four of the goals and was rewarded by being appointed captain of England in a full international against Ireland three weeks later. Lance-Corporal Frank Macey of the Army and Kingstonians got the other two goals.



Claude Ashton (left) scored four goals for the Amateurs in their 6-1 victory against the Professionals. Ronnie Allen (right) grabbed a hat-trick for West Brom in the Charity Shield.

REPEAT VICTORY

The Professionals seemed to have a stronger side for the following year's Charity Shield game played on October 6th, 1926, at Maine Road, but the Amateurs again came out on top with a 6-3 victory. Frank Macey, a really clever little ball-player, was again among the scorers with two goals, and that other famous amateur of the period, W. H. Minter of St. Albans City, also got two goals. Edgar Kail of Dulwich Hamlet and an "own goal" by Southampton's Alex Keeping made up the half dozen.

PENALTY DECIDER

The Final of the Watney Cup of 1972 finished in dramatic fashion. The game between Bristol Rovers and Sheffield United at Eastville ended in a goalless draw but then Rovers went on to win 7-6 on penalties.



WEST BROM SHOCKED

Fourth Division Colchester United shocked First Division West Bromwich Albion in the Final of the Watney Cup in 1971. The West Bromwich crowd were treated to a feast of goals with each side scoring four times. Then Colchester went on to win the Cup 4-3 on penalties.

DERBY THRILLER

There was a really keen local derby for the F.A. Charity Shield in September, 1954, when League Champions Wolverhampton Wanderers met F.A. Cup winners West Bromwich Albion at Molineux. West Brom's present manager Ronnie Allen got a hat-trick in that game with Reg Ryan making it four — usually enough goals to beat most sides. But on this occasion Wolves also got four — Roy Swinbourne (2), Norman Deeley and Johnny Hancock.

THEY SAY you're "finished at forty" — thirty, or less, if you're a pro footballer. One man who disagrees, and has the facts to prove it, is Wrexham player-manager Arfon Griffiths.

He made one fleeting appearance as sub for Wales against Czechoslovakia in April, 1971 — after which, internationally, he seemed to be sunk without trace.

But love of the game drove him to stick it out a while longer — and nearly four years later he was brought back, scoring four times in seven games for Wales.

Then, with Griffiths now 34, came the crunch game of his career.

'OLD MAN'S' FAIRY-TALE GOAL

ARFON GRIFFITHS
(Wrexham)



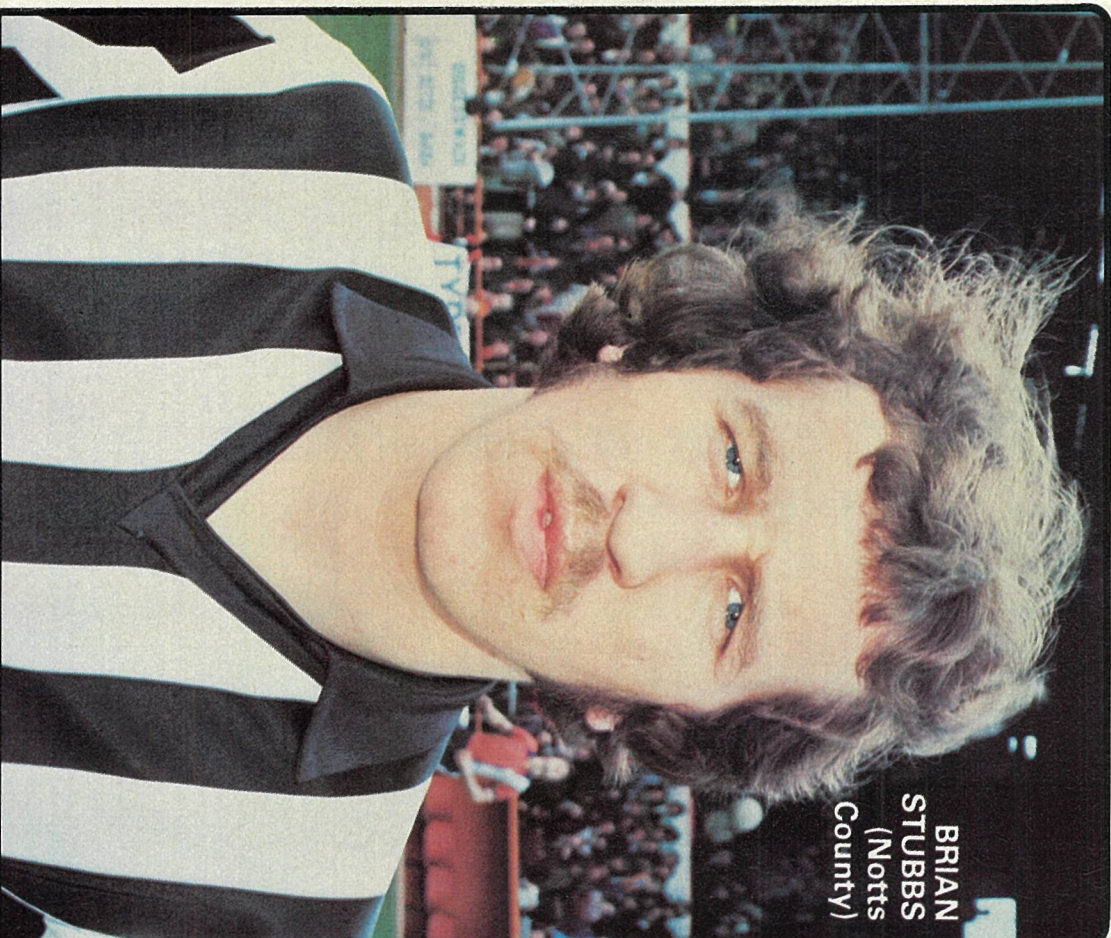
Only one nation from each of the eight Groups was scheduled to go through to the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship — and from Group Two hinged on the very last game between Wales and Austria on 19th November, 1975.

As it turned out, just a solitary goal decided the affair — in Wales's favour. And, to provide the fairy-tale setting, it was Arfon who got it.

And what a fairy-tale ending — on his home Wrexham ground — to a late-starting international career.

Ending? Not a bit of it — the "old man" went on to get another eight caps.

BRIAN STUBBS
(Notts County)



THIRD TIME UNLUCKY

A MISSED penalty isn't exactly a rarity these days, as the standard of goalkeeping improves each season. But a game between Portsmouth and Notts County saw a penalty missed no less than **THREE** times!

County were awarded a spot-kick at Fratton Park on 22nd September, 1973 . . . and Kevin Randall took it. However his shot was wide —

yet the referee ordered a re-take as a Portsmouth player had encroached into the penalty area.

Don Masson took the second kick — and hit the crossbar! Again, the referee ruled the kick must be taken again and it was third time UNLUCKY for County as Brian Stubbs saw his shot saved by John Milkins!

THE LAST 'DONKEY-KICK' GOAL

WILLIE CARR
(Wolves)



A FUNNY thing happened to the ball on the way to the back of Everton's net on 3rd October, 1970 — no one had ever seen a goal scored that way before!

But nearly 30,000 did see it live that afternoon — plus millions of "Match of the Day" viewers a few hours later.

Coventry were awarded a free-kick just outside the Everton penalty-area. And in what came to be known as the "Donkey-Kick Goal", Willie Carr — standing in front of, and with his back to, his team-mates — flicked the ball up backwards between his two feet.

The original plan worked-out in training was Dave Clements should then slam the ball home on the volley. But, as it happened, Clements hesitated fractionally — and, instead, it was quick-thinking Ernie Hunt who rushed in to crash a first-time shot past startled goalkeeper Andy Rankin.

However unconventional it looked, the goal

was allowed to stand — as the referee interpreted it as being within the letter of Law 13 which states: "... the kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched ... by another player."

But the "Donkey-Kick" was then declared illegal by the International Board who contended that, if the ball was flicked up between the feet, it was played by both feet — and, as one foot must leave the ball before the other, therefore the original kicker must have played it twice.

They also ruled "lifting" the ball in the Carr fashion didn't come within the accepted sense of "kicking" it.

This all sounded a little legalistic; maybe hair-splitting. Be that as it may, the outcome was Willie Carr and Ernie Hunt had together made a minor spot of soccer history by scoring the Football League's first — and LAST — "Donkey-Kick Goal"!

DREW BUSBY
(Hearts)



'THE DAY MY CLUB DIED'

SCOTTISH soccer was shocked 11 years ago when Third Lanark, one of their most famous clubs, was forced to close down.

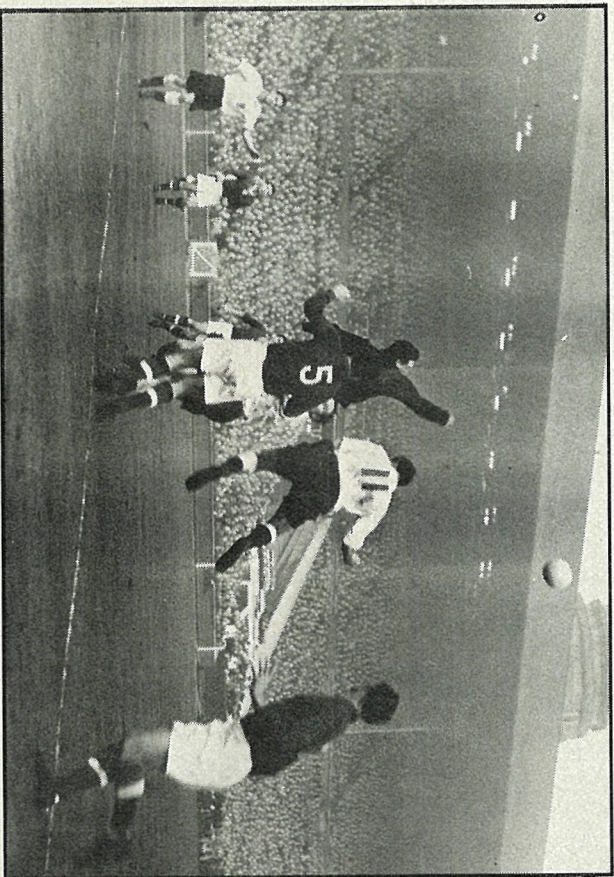
There had been many rumours of such a drastic move, but the fans didn't believe the club would be allowed to die. However, there was nothing they or anyone else could do when the hammer finally came down.

Players were suddenly out of a job and one of those was Drew Busby, of Hearts. He recalls: "It was hard to take in at first. My club, Third Lanark, had died. One day we were professional footballers under contract,

the next we were out. "Happily, things worked out for me in the long run. After my spell with Airdrie I joined up at Tynecastle four years ago and I reckon we'll be back in the Premier Division next season."

A lot of other players were shattered with the news "The Thirds" would have to close down the gates of Cathkin Park once and for all. Hugh Curran was given the sad news at the same time as Busby and it didn't prevent him from going on and playing for his country at full international level.

English International Games



England (white shirts) in action v. Hungary in 1953.

SCOTLAND CRASH 7-2

England's victory over Scotland at Wembley in April, 1955, was remarkable not only because it was England's first win for 21 years against Scotland on this ground, but because of the extent of the victory, an individual scoring record and the performance of the 40-year-old Stanley Matthews.

The result was 7-2 and the great Stanley Matthews had a hand in five of England's goals, waltzing through the Scottish defence and turning it inside out. Scotland's left-back, Harry Haddock of Clyde, like many another full-back facing Matthews in top form, had a nightmare game. Denis Wilshaw, the Wolves' inside-forward enjoyed a personal triumph by scoring four goals, an individual record in this fixture. He found the net in the opening minute and England were 4-1 up at the interval, but Wilshaw really went to town in the second-half getting three goals in 13 minutes. England's winning team was Williams (Wolves); Meadows (Man. City), Byrne (Man. Utd); Armstrong (Chelsea), Wright (Wolves), Edwards (Man. Utd); Matthews (Blackpool), Revie (Man. City), Lofthouse (Bolton W.), Wilshaw (Wolves), Blunstone (Chelsea). England's other goals were scored by Lofthouse (two) and Revie.

HUNGARIAN LESSON

England have suffered some defeats in recent years, but being more appreciative of the strength of foreign opposition these no longer surprise us. However, back in 1953 we still clung to the belief we were invincible, at least at home, so it was quite a shock when Hungary came to Wembley and beat England by such a convincing score as 6-3. Hungary's immaculate display that afternoon showed how far the Old Masters had slipped and how much there was need for drastic rethinking about tactics. Apart from the precision of the Hungarian team and the power of their shooting, one of the features of their play was the speed and anticipation of their wingers. But for the towering strength of England centre-half, Harry Johnston, that day the Hungarians might well have reached double figures. As it was they were 4-2 up at the interval. Stars of this ruthlessly efficient Hungarian team were centre-forward, Hidegkuti, who got a hat-trick, skipper Puskas, who got two goals, and their other scorer, wing-half Bozsik. England's scorers were Sewell, Mortensen and Ramsey (penalty). The Hungarians were cheered off the pitch.

Ground Closures

SIX-WEEK SENTENCE

One of the longest ground closures on record among Football League clubs was imposed on Arsenal when they were known as Woolwich Arsenal and playing at Plumstead. The incidents which led to this suspension were described in some quarters as a riot, but according to other reports that might have been an exaggeration. However, it seems the referee of their Second Division game with Burton Wanderers on January 26th, 1895, had turned a blind eye to a good deal of rough play on the part of the visitors, and when at the end he not only allowed the game to run three minutes over-time but awarded The Wanderers a penalty during that extra-time from which they were able to obtain an equaliser, a number of spectators lost their self control. The referee was knocked out before he could leave the field and his assailant was felled by Joe Powell, the Arsenal captain, but still escaped the arms of the law. As a consequence the F.A. closed the ground for a period of six weeks and slapped a ban on the Arsenal playing within a radius of six miles. The decision was generally thought to have been a harsh one and the club received plenty of offers of grounds free of charge. So they played League games at New Brompton's ground, Chatham and Crouch End.

PENALTY 'INVASION'

In a Second Division game at Wolverhampton on October 18th, 1919, the referee awarded Bury two penalties in the last ten minutes. The visitors were already leading 1-0 before this and did not score from the first spot-kick. As for the second penalty three minutes from time they did not even

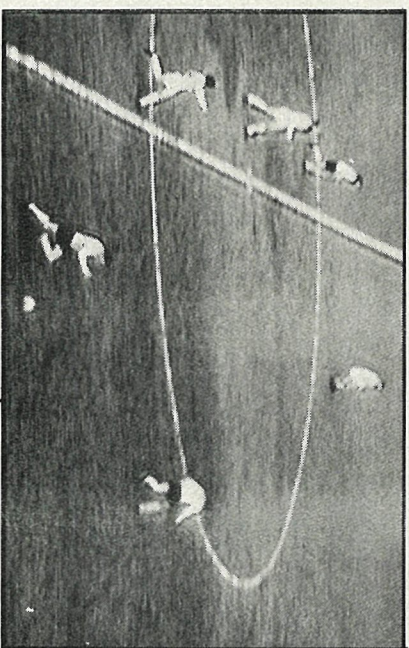
have the opportunity of taking it for the crowd promptly invaded the pitch, obviously intent on venting their wrath on the referee. The players did their best to protect him from the enraged spectators, but he had received a slight head injury and had his coat torn before they got him off the pitch. Needless to say that game was not completed although the score stood and the Wolverhampton ground was ordered to be closed for a month.

MISCONDUCT

Following misconduct by spectators during an Amateur Cup-tie between Chatham and the Casuals in 1894, the F.A. ordered the Chatham ground closed from February 28th for the remainder of that season.

'OFFSIDE' PROTEST

Wild scenes at Elland Road on April 17th, 1971, during a vital Championship match between Leeds United and West Bromwich Albion, led to the Leeds ground being closed for the first four games of the following season. On that day West Bromwich Albion gained their first away win for 16 months at United's expense and it was the visitors' second goal in a 2-1 victory that sparked off the trouble. Jeff Astle shot the goal after Tony Brown had cut through the Leeds' defence with Colin Suggett in what appeared to be an offside position. A linesman signalled offside but referee Ray Tinkler ignored the flag and after awarding a goal spectators invaded the pitch while he was fussed by protesting players. The defeat cost Leeds their place at the head of the table and they eventually finished runners-up to Arsenal.



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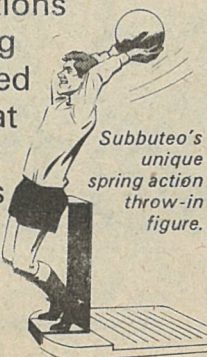
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MANCHESTER United are out of Europe, out of the League Cup and trailing in the League Championship.

It's not quite the great expectations prompted at the start of the season with the arrival of Dave Sexton as manager in succession to the controversial Tommy Docherty.

Many thought Sexton, as one of the most highly regarded coaches in the game, would do even better than The Doc. While taking nothing away from Docherty's achievements in resurrecting an ailing club, a lot of people considered he had done his best work and the time was ripe for a more studious and sophisticated approach.

Sexton was hailed as the right man to lead the famous Old Trafford club through the next stage of their development towards becoming once again a major football force.

Even before he was sacked the United board of directors had dragged their feet over giving Docherty a new contract and in

some quarters it was almost a relief when he finally made his position untenable by his declaration of love for the wife of a member of his staff.

But so far Dave Sexton has failed to maintain the momentum of the team built by Docherty which made their mark by winning the F.A. Cup last May.

In addition to their exits from the European Cup-Winners' Cup and League Cup competitions, The Reds are now in the bottom half of the First Division table and unlikely to compete seriously for the title.

Injuries and illness have undoubtedly been a major factor in the club's recent slide.

The biggest blow has been the absence of Jimmy Greenhoff, signed a year ago from Stoke City for around £100,000. Greenhoff was the last piece in the Docherty jigsaw that produced the Cup-winning team and really gave

Old Trafford a balanced and consistent side.

But then badly damaged ligaments in the F.A. Charity Shield robbed United of much of the craft in their attack right from the start of the season.

He returned in October but managed only three League games before falling ill with what was eventually diagnosed as a bout of pneumonia. Greenhoff is only just back into training.

His fellow striker, Stuart Pearson, has also missed odd games and the fact is United have yet to play a First Division match with Greenhoff and Pearson in the same side.

Injuries to Brian Greenhoff and more recently Lou Macari have also cramped the style of the side. One or two players have also struggled to find their form. The most notable of these is probably Gordon Hill, top marksman last season with 22 goals in League and Cup, but suffering a loss of confidence lately. Pearson, without a goal in nine League

games, has also lost some of his snap.

The injuries have seen the more regular introduction of reserves like David McCreery, Chris McGrath and Ashley Grimes; individually they have all done well, but somewhere along the line the team have lost the fire, almost frenzy, that swept so many teams aside last season.

The optimists among United's still massive support believe United's falter is merely the inevitable hesitancy involved in any change of management.

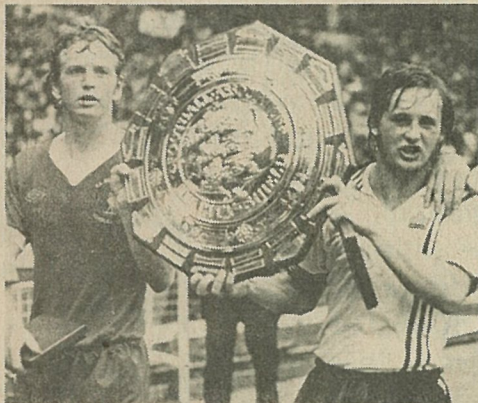
This is a very valid point of view, especially accompanied by injuries to key men. After all, the change from Tommy Docherty to Dave Sexton involves a fundamental change in direction and even philosophy.

Sexton is not a man to rush things either. He said when he was appointed he was extremely conscious of the fact he was inheriting a very successful side, one that delighted the people who watched them as well as one which had just been to Wembley in successive seasons.

He said he wanted to add



Manchester United's last big signing was Jimmy Greenhoff (above) from Stoke City. Former boss Tommy Docherty (above, right) enjoys a training session with his players. Liverpool and United shared the Charity Shield (right) in August.



HAVEN'T SET THE ON FIRE!

**MANCHESTER
UNITED
SURVEY**

something to the team, rather than build another one. It's a reasonable approach, but one that could take time.

The more critical United fans believe Sexton has already had enough time to assess he must buy new players in the transfer market. They argue that unlike Liverpool, Manchester United's reserve strength is just not good enough and one or two of the established stars have lost their sparkle and need a little more competition.

Even skipper Martin Buchan seems to feel the time is ripe for reinforcements.

He says: "It's a year since our last big-name buy. A new signing could help us settle down again, especially if it had the same effect on us as Jimmy Greenhoff had on his arrival.

"Dave Sexton has now had an excellent opportunity to assess his players in good form and bad, home and away. He inherited a

Cup-winning side from Tommy Docherty. No one expected him to change things right away, but now the time is ripe for him to act if he feels changes are needed.

"Recent happenings have proved we just don't have the overall depth to see us through an injury crisis, and I'm sure Dave Sexton now has a good idea of what is required to keep us at the top.

"I think before too long he will have made his mark in the transfer market — a move which will strengthen our team by bringing a fresh face to Old Trafford and stimulate competition for first team places."

United made a profit of over £600,000 last season and Martin Buchan is not alone in feeling it is time to invest some of it to bring Manchester United back on the boil.

Sexton's instinct is to try and find the answer from within. He is a coach by nature, like his

assistant Tommy Cavanagh, and both men feel working out your own salvation is a better long-term policy than panic, profligate plunges into the transfer merry-go-round.

As Sexton says: "This is a testing time for Manchester United. The important thing is to maintain a perspective and sense of proportion. With a club of the standing of a Manchester United, reaction to a couple of high-scoring defeats tends to be slightly on the hysterical side.

"I see no point joining in with the alarmists. A good team and a well balanced squad of players do not become bad overnight. I for one have not lost my faith in a team that has performed so well for the last two or three years. They are entitled to a disappointing time every now and again. Hopefully it is now over."

Certainly there cannot be much wrong with a team that produced the wonderful exhibition of spirit and skill that thrilled millions on television in the European match against F. C. Porto.



'A new signing could help us settle down again'
— Captain Martin Buchan



Stewart Houston goes close during the Old Trafford club's game with F.C. Porto in the Cup-Winners' Cup. United lost 6-5 on aggregate.

'This is a testing time for United'
— Manager Dave Sexton

YOU ARE THE REF

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1

A player goes to the dressing-room at a substitution, but, when inspecting the studs of the substitute, you consider them to be dangerous and refuse to allow him to play until they are corrected. The captain wants the original player to return. Do you (a) agree or (b) insist his team continue until the sub returns?



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An attacker kicks the ball when it is dangerously close to the head of a team-mate. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a direct or (c) an indirect free-kick?



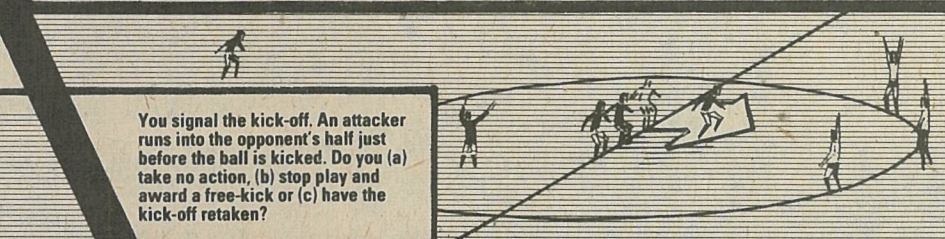
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Before taking a corner-kick a player removes the corner-post. Do you (a) take no action, (b) caution him and award a free-kick or (c) insist the post is replaced?

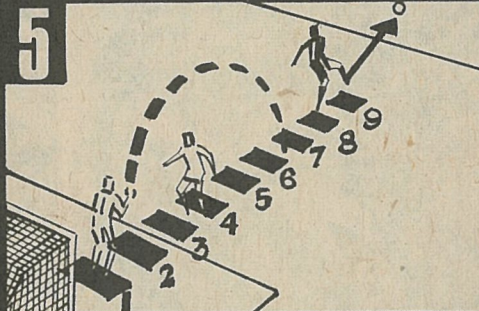


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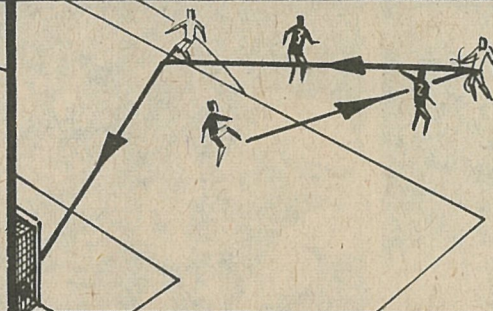
You signal the kick-off. An attacker runs into the opponent's half just before the ball is kicked. Do you (a) take no action, (b) stop play and award a free-kick or (c) have the kick-off retaken?



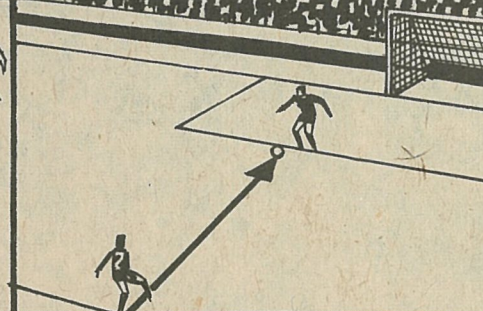
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A: A goalkeeper throws the ball over the head of an opponent and takes six steps to regain possession. He then takes three steps before releasing the ball.



B: From the goalkeeper's kick the ball strikes an attacker and rebounds to another attacker who is in an offside position. The second attacker scores but you award a free-kick to the defending team.



C: The free-kick is taken from the penalty-area boundary line and the ball is played back to the goalkeeper. You order the free-kick to be retaken. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS:

The goalkeeper is considered to be in possession when the ball is thrown over an opponent. He has therefore taken a total of nine steps and is penalised with an indirect free-kick. In B the second attacker is correctly penalised for offside. In C the free-kick must be retaken because the ball is considered to be inside the penalty-area.

1. Because the substitution has not been completed the original player may return to the match. 2. Take no action (a). 3. The corner-post must not be removed. It must be replaced (c) before the corner-kick is taken. 4. The kick-off does not commence until the ball is kicked into play. The corner-kick is taken. 5. The problem is in A. kick should be retaken (c). 5. The problem is in A.

CORRECTION . . .

29th October issue. The answer to question 5A should read: "The problem is in A. Law 4 (c) allows boots with studs of 3/16 inch diameter if there is a *minimum* of ten on each boot."

This mistake was no fault of Stan Lover. It was a typing error in the editorial office.

'WHY BLADES DON'T GET THE GOALS THEY DESERVE'—

By Alan Woodward



IT'S BEEN a frustrating start to the season for Sheffield United — and Alan Woodward. The Blades began the new campaign with high hopes of challenging for a return to the First Division after their disappointing time all last season.

But within eight weeks of the start, United had stumbled to a miserable mid-table position. And then, manager Jimmy Sirrel got the sack — leaving Bramall Lane again in disarray.

One of United's main problems throughout the first third of the new campaign was the lack of goals. Several sides suffered for the same reason — but few could have wasted as many glorious chances as United squandered in those early games.

Millions of TV viewers saw United make the long trip to the South Coast and take high-riding Brighton to the cleaners for the first hour. United made so many good chances for strikers Keith Edwards and Bobby Campbell they should have been four up at the break. But Edwards missed a certain hat-trick — and Brighton escaped with a narrow victory. It was daylight robbery.

A few weeks later, Woodward's team had the same experience in London at Millwall. They took a point in a 1-1 draw ... but Edwards again missed a sitter near the end and cost his side victory.

"That's been the story of Sheffield United for three seasons now," groaned Alan Woodward. "It was the reason we were relegated and that's been the thing

that has stopped us going back to the First. We have created numerous chances, but simply haven't put them away.

"Bobby Campbell and Keith have worked well together up-front. But they've had trouble finishing and it's cost us dearly. I believe you've got to be patient about it. The main thing I've found about scoring goals is it's all confidence. If you are confident you'll stick them in, they'll go in. I was injured for that match at Brighton, but I saw it from the stands. I reckoned Keith would probably have stuck in all those chances the next day.

"With goalscoring, you find for three or four months everything goes right and you're scoring. Everything you hit goes in. But then it goes the other way and although you're striking them in the same way, they're hitting a post and staying out.

"We'll get it right. But it might take time and we have got to be patient."

Woodward has dropped back from his front-running role to use his experience more in midfield. It's been a new life for him. "It hasn't been at all easy," he admits. "Picking up players with through balls has never been my strongest point, but that's my job now, and I've had to work on it to improve.

'Farther back'

"I think I've missed being up-front. I always enjoyed scoring goals and you don't get anything like as many chances being farther back in midfield. But it's better for the side I stay where I am."

Woodward believes United are not far away from finding a side to challenge for the prize of First Division soccer once more. "There's no doubt there is only one place to play and that's the First," he says. "We've got a nice blend of older players and youth. But things will get better the more we play together as a side.

"I don't think we are that far from getting it right. One thing is certain — Sheffield needs a First Division club once again. The fans up here are so desperate for good class football and they've suffered more than anyone through the decline of both Wednesday and United. There was a bus strike in the City recently when Wednesday were playing at home against a team from low down in the Third. Yet 13,500 turned up — and that was fantastic. It's an indication of what kind of support awaits the side that gets back into the limelight.

"I MUST admit I was a little disappointed at making the step down from First to Second Division football when I joined Stoke — but I also felt they were a club who would soon be back in the top class."

This was how Howard Kendall spoke of his move from Birmingham to the Potteries earlier this season. And in spite of some Stoke reverses, Howard still believes his team can make a promotion challenge this term.

irksome this season — he has been regularly making the trip from the Birmingham area to Stoke. But soon he'll be moving into his new home in the Potteries.

"I'll be more settled then," he says. "Although I've adjusted very quickly at Stoke with the lads, and I find the fans are very good."

Certainly, Stoke manager George Eastham is in no doubt he made an important capture in taking Kendall to the Victoria Ground. After Stoke had trounced Shef-

'WE SHOULD BE HIGHER IN THE TABLE'

says Stoke signing Howard Kendall

He says: "Now is the time for us to start a winning run. Stoke have a side of good players, and on merit I think we should be higher in the table than we are. But we've thrown away points on other pitches when we should have walked away with them — we've been on top, yet failed to get the important goals.

"This has been our big weakness, our finishing. And I'm not criticising any individual — we have all missed chances, midfield men as well as forwards. So shooting practice is one thing we need, to remedy our weakness in front of goal."

Up to the middle of November, Stoke's away record was poor, showing the Victoria Ground club without a win to their credit. But Kendall is confident the picture will change.

"Our manager, George Eastham, has the respect of the players, and is the type who will get the results we need to be up with the leaders.

"There is a gulf between the leading clubs and the others, a big difference in class between those at the top and the teams lower in the table. Tottenham and Southampton have impressed me in our matches against them and they are definitely two clubs who will be in the first six, in my opinion.

Gale-force

"Then Bolton Wanderers will be making another effort for promotion, but I find it more difficult to assess them, as a gale-force wind was blowing when we met. Sunderland, who were relegated last season along with Spurs and Stoke, have experienced similar difficulties to ourselves in the Second Division.

"In it, players are more ready to commit themselves than they are in the First Division. For example, a player will go straight in to a tackle, and not hold off — opponents will harass you more and we've had some ding-dong matches in the Second Division."

From a personal point of view, Howard has found the travelling

field United 4-0 in September, the Stoke boss said: "Some people thought when I bought Howard he was past it. But he showed today he is a player with tremendous range and vision — he has proved age doesn't matter too much."

One reason why Howard Kendall seems to have been around a long time, stems from the fact he played for Preston in a Cup Final at Wembley at the age of 17. Later, he had long spells with Preston and Everton, and produced some of the best football of his career with Birmingham.

And today, Howard has an over-riding ambition: "I want to be part of the Stoke side that returns to the First."





RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

FOR THE majority of new bosses in the First Division this season it's their first taste of management, of sitting in the chair where the buck stops.

And getting to grips with the job has been made harder by the fact they have inherited struggling sides.

One sufferer is Frank McLintock, of Leicester City, whom Liverpool meet at Filbert Street for a League match this Saturday, November 26th.

Frank has gone directly from being a player, without even the benefit of serving a spell as coach or assistant-manager, which usually makes the transition easier.

And as a player he has been accustomed to so much success — first with Leicester, reaching Wemb-

ley in Finals, although on both occasions he came away with loser's medals — then, with Arsenal, whom he captained to the double of First Division Championship and F.A. Cup in 1970-71, and again to Wembley the following year, only to receive a third loser's medal — and finally with Q.P.R. who two seasons ago finished as runner-up in the League, only a point behind Liverpool.

He has inherited a club on the decline from being a "mid-table" one which has never seriously challenged for the Championship, with a high proportion of players, such as Keith Weller and Alan Woollett, who are perhaps past their best.

Judging by the comment he made after taking a look at the reserves he realised he couldn't expect much

help from that particular direction.

"The standard of the reserve team at Leicester stunned me a little when I first saw them. There was not one player really trying or pushing to get into the first team.

"The deficiency showed itself clearly when I bought Alan Waddle from Liverpool Reserves and he was capable of going straight into my first team," he said.

I understand what Frank meant, but we maintain at Anfield that several of our reserve side, who have won the Central League Championship eight times in the past nine years, are fully capable of holding down first team places in many other First Division clubs.

One of Frank's greatest handicaps is he has only a limited amount to spend on the players he must

'HARD FOR NEW BOSSES'



'Frank McLintock is finding it difficult'

Frank McLintock tries to lift his players during the half-time break at Q.P.R. Alas, for Leicester City, they lost 3-0.

'MOST IMPORTANT GAME OF MY LIFE'

That's the way Leicester striker ALAN WADDLE views his side's game against Liverpool at Filbert Street.

SINCE joining Leicester from the Merseyside club for a fee of £45,000 earlier this season Waddle has been an ever-present in Frank McLintock's struggling team.

Regular first team soccer is almost like a new experience for the giant six feet four inches tall striker. At Liverpool he was restricted to only 16 first team League appearances spanning four years.

So he explained: "Obviously Leicester City have given me an opportunity to prove that I am good enough for the top flight.

"There was such a strong squad when I was at Anfield that I never really made the big breakthrough."

It was Bill Shankly who plucked Waddle out of the obscurity of the Fourth Division doldrums at Halifax. The striker made his biggest impact in front of the famous Kop by scoring in a local derby with Everton.

"That goal gave me the biggest thrill I've had in the game so far," said Alan, who was also one of the substitutes for last season's European Cup Final.

"But the clash between my new club and my old will surpass that. This game means a helluva lot to me. If we could get a win or if I could get a goal I would be over the moon.

"We are really fighting to find our form at the bottom of the table while Liverpool are hoping for a hat-trick of Championship wins. On paper that looks as if Leicester have no chance — but everyone at Filbert Street thinks differently."

Having spent four years in the Liverpool squad Waddle obviously knows a few secrets about their

recruit to pull the club out of trouble and lay a good foundation for the future.

This is one of the reasons he had recruited players who have played alongside him at other clubs — George Armstrong from Arsenal; Eddie Kelly, from Q.P.R., formerly with Arsenal; and Dave Webb, who combined so well with him in Rangers' back-four.

He must know he can expect complete loyalty from these three. But the big question, of course, is whether they can combine well with the rest of the staff and help lift Leicester up the table.

Frank, a great captain in his day, is obviously discovering a different type of leadership is required as manager. It's one thing commanding players on the pitch, another doing it from the dug-out.

At one time he contemplated putting himself into the team, becoming player-manager, but this could have made things even harder for him. Only one man has successfully filled this role in recent years — Johnny Giles — but it's significant that Peter Morris at Mansfield is the only one doing the two jobs in either the First or Second Divisions

at the moment.

As I've pointed out in a previous column, the reasons I have no ambitions to go into management are because I'd have to keep so many people happy: players whom I'd inevitably have to put on the sidelines; fans; directors; and last but by no means least, the Press.

Our previous manager, Bill Shankly, was a master of all the different aspects of the job.

Especially in selecting players from the lower Divisions for bargain fees and building them up into First Division stars capable of keeping the club amongst the honours.

He was aided by the marvellous scouting network that Liverpool has established, something Frank McLintock would give a lot to have I'm sure.

So would both other new managers in the same category, Ken Shellito of Chelsea and Frank Sibley of Q.P.R., although Ken has far less money to spend than Frank — if any — because of the financial burden placed on his club through the expenditure on the new stand at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea's need is for a striker who can find the net regularly.

Without cash to buy one — and it would have to be a substantial amount because marksmen are in big demand even by the more successful clubs — the London club must hope that one of the youngsters on the present staff, such as Trevor Aylott, will develop the knack of scoring consistently.

Over at Rangers, Frank Sibley is showing the courage of his convictions by setting about rebuilding his side and changing their style of play.

I have a feeling I played against Frank in the Third Division when I was with Scunthorpe and he with Rangers.

Being a player before moving on to management, as both Frank Sibley and Ken Shellito have, has its advantages and disadvantages. Which outweighs the other is dependent on so many factors.

It must be very hard leaving out, transferring or disciplining an ex-team-mate.

When it's pointed out to me 'keepers seldom make good bosses, my reply is it's not surprising because very few ever attempt the job.

The only one I can recall is Harry

Gregg, the ex-Manchester United 'keeper.

Mind you, a 'keeper is ideally placed to study players and match tactics.

It's said you've got to be mad to be one, but the fact we seldom take on the job in which the only certainty, as Johnny Giles said when he quit West Brom, is the sack, proves we're not as crazy as we're made out!

However, I can't imagine I'll ever completely divorce myself from the game. It will always form part of my life.

Sir Alf Ramsey recently found it impossible to resist the pressures on him to continue picking the Birmingham team, and accepted the paid post of "consultant".

Which means he's returned, at the age of 57, to the arduous week-in, week-out routine of club management after a gap of four years.

His previous stint was with Ipswich whom he took to the League Championship before moving on to the England supreme post and winning the World Cup in 1966.

Since Sir Alf stepped in after Willie Bell's departure from Birmingham, the club's fortunes have improved dramatically, proving that he has not lost his old touch.

Sir Alf has always been a players' manager. He appreciates their problems and can analyse their strengths and weaknesses to good effect.

I've always been a great supporter of a man who can only continue to benefit the game.

Now back to Frank McLintock and Saturday's League match.

Through playing against us so many times, he's well-accustomed with the way we play and can fully brief his players on the tactics needed to beat us.

But, as he and many other managers are aware, sending us Anfield Reds away without a point is easier said than done!

Till next week —

Ray Clemens



'Chelsea need a consistent goalscorer'

Youngster Trevor Aylott scores Chelsea's only and winning goal against table-toppers Nottingham Forest.

pre-match planning and the style of the players themselves.

He said: "The lads have a team-talk on Fridays and discuss their opponents individually. After that the team is supposed to get as much relaxation as possible before the game.

"I'll obviously be giving Frank McLintock some help in trying to form some ideas on how to play against certain players.

'Associated'

"I think it will be a very strange experience for me going out and playing against people I have been associated with for so long.

"I suspect that I'll be marked by Alan Hansen or perhaps Emlyn

Hughes. But whoever it is, you can be sure that I'll be out to prove that Liverpool should not have sold me."

Waddle's biggest pal at Anfield was Welsh full-back Joey Jones. Alan said: "Joey is the great joker of the team and I'm sure he'll have something funny to tell me before the game.

"I'm really looking forward to playing against my old mates but once I'm out on the field my only thought will be putting everything into my game and helping Leicester City win."

Alan added that he doesn't need to prove that Liverpool were wrong to sell him, but he explained: "I tried very hard to become a regular at Anfield and I

just want to show Liverpool manager Bob Paisley that I was worthy of a longer run in the side than I actually got."

He added: "I always feel the atmosphere of any game I play in, but I'm sure this will be something special this time. I must admit that I've got a sneaking feeling that Liverpool could be in for a surprise."

Leicester's 'new faces' hoped they had turned the corner by beating Ipswich Town 2-1 at Filbert Street. This may not sound much to some clubs, but that boosted City's goal-tally by 50%!

Goals are never easy to come by against Liverpool's well-organised defence. But it won't be for the lack of effort from City.



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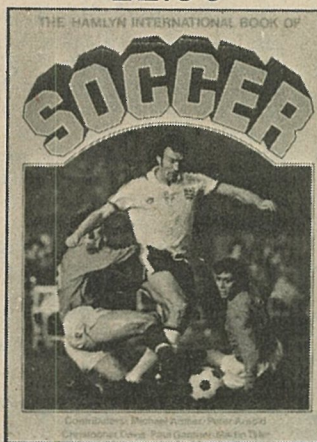
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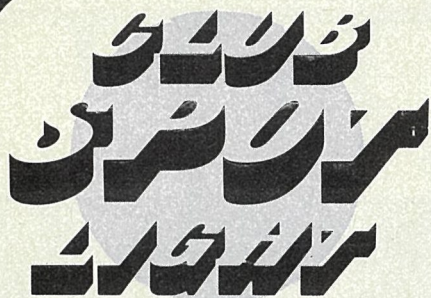
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TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

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1973-74	Tony Brown	19
1974-75	Tony Brown	12
1975-76	Alistair Brown	10
1976-77	David Cross	12

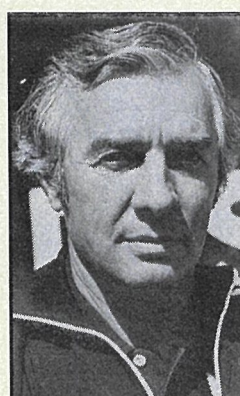
Laurie Cunningham in action for West Brom against Manchester United this season. Albion won 4-0.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

ONE of the more pleasing features of this season has been the rise of clubs in the West Midlands. Now Aston Villa, Coventry City, West Bromwich — and even Birmingham City under the stirring leadership of Sir Alf — are beginning to make a big impact.

West Bromwich Albion have contributed their full share to this success story. Johnny Giles laid the foundations last season before returning to his native Ireland. Now under Ronnie Allen, the former goalscoring hero of The Hawthorns, Albion have blossomed into one of the most attractive sides in the First Division.

There is plenty of experience in their line-up and three exciting youngsters are adding their skill. Defender Derek Statham is a local boy and has a great future ahead of him. But it is the black pair of Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis who have thrilled the crowds with their play.



Ronnie Allen (left) has returned to manage the club for whom he scored 208 goals in 415 League games between March, 1950, and March, 1961. Added to those impressive figures are five England caps and an F.A. Cup winner's medal when Ronnie scored two of Albion's goals in a 3-2 Wembley victory over Preston in 1954.

From Albion he went to Crystal Palace as player-coach and then on to Wolves, first as coach and then as manager in 1966, guiding them to promotion to Division One in 1967-68. Later Ronnie had a spell as manager of Bilbao in Spain and Sporting Lisbon in Portugal.

In 1973 he became Walsall boss and then Albion's scout before taking over as manager at The Hawthorns in the summer of 1977.

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GROUND:

The Hawthorns.

SIZE OF PITCH:

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RECORD VICTORY:

12-0 v Darwen, Division One, April 4th, 1892.

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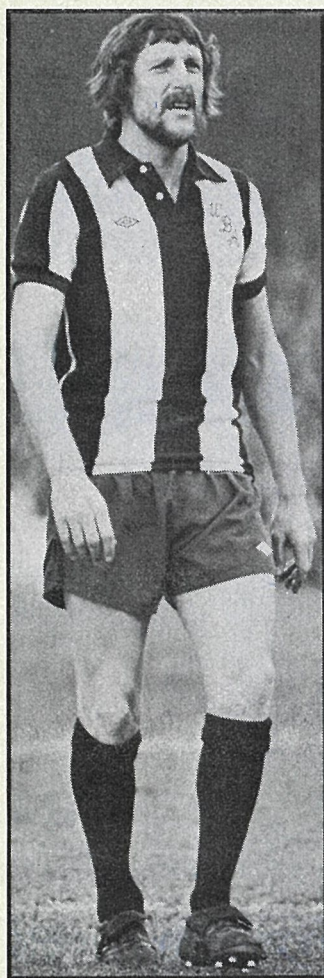
3-10 v Stoke City, Division One, February 4th, 1937.

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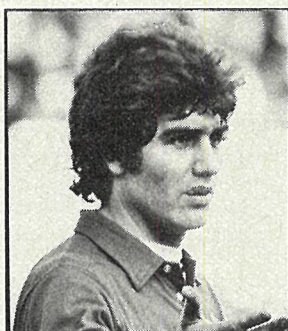
60 in Division One, 1919-20.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

William 'Ginger' Richardson, 39 in Division One, 1935-36.



TONY BROWN



TONY GODDEN

THE RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists)

SEASON	LEAGUE	F.A. CUP	LEAGUE CUP
1960-61	1-10th	3rd	DNC
1961-62	1- 9th	5th	DNC
1962-63	1-14th	4th	DNC
1963-64	1-10th	4th	DNC
1964-65	1-14th	3rd	DNC
1965-66	1- 6th	3rd	W
1966-67	1-13th	4th	F
1967-68	1- 8th	W	2nd
1968-69	1-10th	S/F	3rd
1969-70	1-16th	3rd	F
1970-71	1-17th	4th	4th
1971-72	1-16th	3rd	2nd
1972-73	1-22nd (R)	5th	3rd
1973-74	2- 8th	5th	3rd
1974-75	2- 6th	4th	3rd
1975-76	2- 3rd (P)	5th	2nd
1976-77	1- 7th	3rd	3rd

(Albion reached the Second Round of the Fairs Cup in 1966-67 and the Quarter-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1968-69)

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WEST BROM



WICH ALBION

BACK ROW (left to right): Derek Statham, Bob Ward, Tony Godden, John Osborne, Trevor Thompson.

MIDDLE ROW: George Wright, Laurie Cunningham, Mick Martin, Ally Brown, John Trewick, Brian Whitehouse.

FRONT ROW: Paddy Mulligan, Len Cantello, John Wile, Ronnie Allen (manager), Bryan Robson, Willie Johnston, David Cross.



SHOOT!



continued

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes; All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

ALISTAIR BROWN: Versatile player who has appeared in every shirt from number seven to 11. Signed from Leicester City for £60,000 in March, 1972. Born Musselburgh. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— Leicester 93 and 8 sub, W.B.A. 99 and 13 sub. G.— Leicester 31, W.B.A. 25.

TONY BROWN: Midfielder or striker and having already broken the Albion's appearance record, Tony is now on the verge of beating the goalscoring record of the club. Signed professional in October, 1963. Born Oldham. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 11.6. L. App.— 479 and 7 sub. G.— 187.

LEN CANTELLO: Midfielder and talented player who signed professional in November, 1967. An England Under-23 international. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.8½. L. App.— 242 and 4 sub. G.— 10.

DAVID CROSS: Striker who has seen service with several clubs before signing for W.B.A. from Coventry for £120,000 in November, 1976. Born Bury. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.0. L. App.— Rochdale 50 and 9 sub, Norwich 83 and 1 sub, Coventry 90 and 1 sub, W.B.A. 27. G.— Rochdale 21, Norwich 21, Coventry 29, W.B.A. 12.

LAURIE CUNNINGHAM: Brilliant ball-player signed from

Orient for £110,000 in March, 1977. Capped by England Under-21s. Born London. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.13. L. App.— Orient 72 and 3 sub, W.B.A. 13. G.— Orient 15, W.B.A. 6.

TONY GODDEN: Goalkeeper who has taken over the first team place from John Osborne. Signed from Southern League Ashford Town in August, 1975, for £2,000. Born Gillingham. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.2. L. App.— 6.

WAYNE HUGHES: Midfielder who made his League debut with Aston Villa in May, 1977. Already a member of the Welsh Under-21 squad. Born Port Talbot. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.5. L. App.— 1 sub.

WILLIE JOHNSTON: Brilliant winger and a member of Scotland's international team who started the season with 16 caps. Signed from Glasgow Rangers for £138,000 in December, 1972. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— Rangers 210 and 2 sub, W.B.A. 168. G.— Rangers 90, W.B.A. 15.

MICK MARTIN: Midfielder signed from Manchester United for £25,000 in September, 1975. Started this term with 29 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App.— Man. Utd. 33 and 7 sub, W.B.A. 68. G.— Man. Utd. 2, W.B.A. 11.

PADDY MULLIGAN: Back-four player with vast experience signed from Crystal Palace in September, 1975. Started the 1977-78 campaign with 39 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— Chelsea 55 and 3 sub, C. Palace 57, W.B.A. 73. G.— Chelsea 2, C. Palace 2.

CYRILLE REGIS: Hit the headlines with some brilliant goals after signing for £5,000 from Hayes in May, 1977. Born in French Guyana. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13.0.

ALISTAIR ROBERTSON: Defender signed professional in



MICK MARTIN

December, 1969. Born Philips-toun. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.3. L. App.— 224 and 2 sub. G.— 3.

BRYAN ROBSON: Can play equally well in defence or in midfield. Had the misfortune to break a leg three times last season. Joined Albion in 1972. Born Chester-le-Street. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L. App.— 38 and 4 sub. G.— 11.

DEREK STATHAM: Outstanding young defender who has been capped this season by the England Under-21's. Born Wolverhampton. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 16. G.— 1.

JOHN TREWICK: Former Schoolboy and Youth International signed professional in July, 1972. Born Bedlington. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App.— 17 and 5 sub. G.— 2.

JOHN WILE: Central-defender and club-captain who was signed for £30,000 from Peterborough in December, 1970. Born Sherburn. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.12. L. App.— Peterborough 116 and 2 sub, W.B.A. 262. G.— Peterborough 7, W.B.A. 16.



LEN CANTELLO

League Fixtures

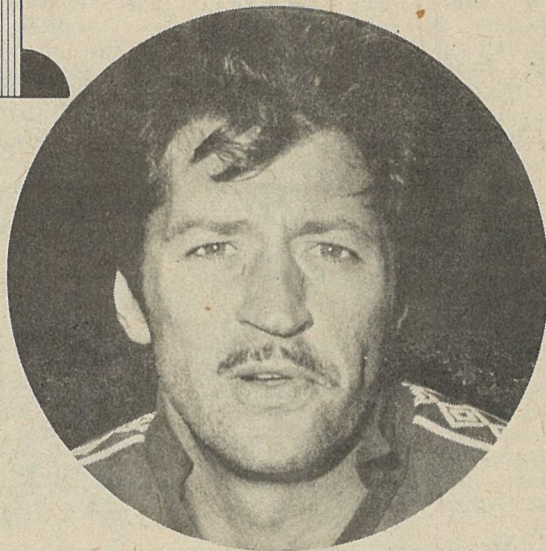
Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug.		
20—	Chelsea	H 3-0
24—	Leeds U.	A 2-2
27—	Liverpool	A 0-3
Sept.		
3—	Middlesbrough	H 2-1
10—	Newcastle U.	A 3-0
17—	Wolverhampton	H 2-2
24—	Birmingham C.	H 3-1
Oct.		
1—	Coventry C.	A 2-1
4—	Everton	A 1-3
8—	Ipswich	H 1-0
15—	Derby Co.	A 1-1
22—	Manchester U.	H 4-0
29—	O.P.R.	A 1-2
Nov.		
5—	Leicester C.	H 2-0
12—	West Ham	A 3-3
19—	Manchester C.	H
26—	Nottingham For.	A
Dec.		
3—	Norwich C.	H
10—	Aston Villa	A
17—	West Ham	H
26—	Bristol C.	A
27—	Arsenal	H
31—	Leeds U.	H
1978		
Jan.		
2—	Chelsea	A
14—	Liverpool	H
21—	Middlesbrough	A
Feb.		
4—	Newcastle U.	H
11—	Wolverhampton	A
18—	Birmingham C.	A
25—	Coventry C.	H
Mar.		
4—	Ipswich T.	A
11—	Derby Co.	H
18—	Manchester U.	A
22—	O.P.R.	H
25—	Arsenal	A
27—	Bristol C.	H
Apr.		
1—	Leicester City	A
8—	Nottingham For.	H
15—	Manchester C.	A
22—	Aston Villa	H
25—	Everton	H
29—	Norwich C.	A

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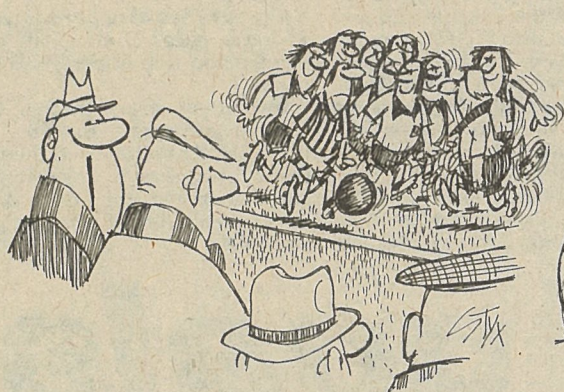


Cyrille Regis beats Ipswich's Kevin Beattie in West Brom's 1-0 win at The Hawthorns this term.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



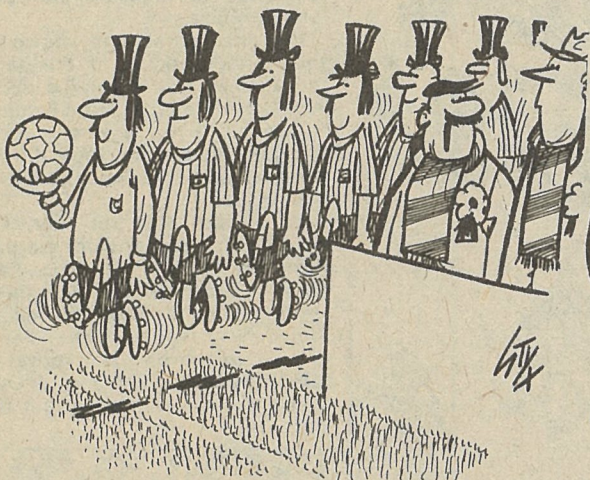
This week Bolton's new signing **FRANK WORTHINGTON** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Same old story — he's run out of space again"



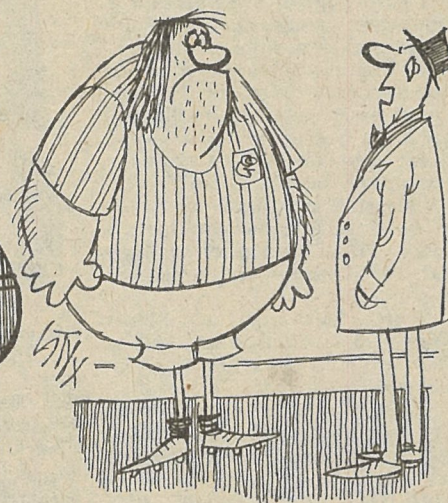
"Don't grieve, son. It could have happened to any goalkeeper providing he was short-sighted, lacked anticipation and had butterfingers"



"The manager told them to raise their game to a higher class"



"And when I'm talking to you, don't turn your back on me, number three"



"In an all-out effort to improve the image of football, the board have decided to send you to a plastic surgeon"

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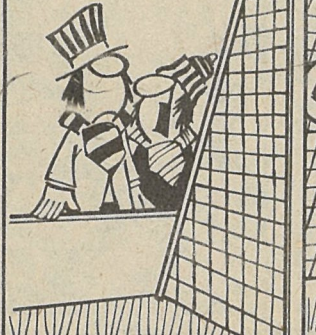
OUR DEFENCE IS LOOKING BETTER THESE DAYS



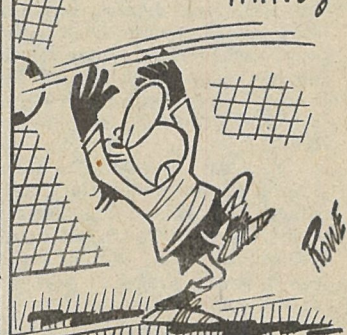
ALL WE NEED NOW IS A GOOD STOPPER



AT CENTRE-HALF DO YOU MEAN?



IN GOAL WAS MORE WHAT I HAD IN MIND!



I'M BACK in the goals' business . . . and I'm delighted! I had a somewhat slow start to the season with injuries and even though I'm still not 100 per cent, I've no complaints about the number of goals I've scored.

I still have trouble with the back injury that kept me sidelined a few weeks ago. To be honest, I've no idea exactly what the problem is.

The specialist did explain, but I became lost in a welter of long words and medical terms!

I'm sleeping with a board under my mattress to help the injury and I've no time limit on how long I must do this. Indefinitely, I believe.

Strangely, my back doesn't really affect me during a game. It's afterwards and throughout the week that it is sore.

While I'm not as sharp as I was last season — I'm happier with my form. The reason is this season I'm scoring against more teams.

sure the ball ends up in the net so I couldn't take any chances.

My role in the team is to score goals. It's what I'm paid for and it gives me professional satisfaction to do this. I then feel I've earned my wages and done my job properly.

I'm being marked more tightly this season — understandable after 1976/77. Opponents are hardly going to stand around and watch me so I have to work even harder to create space for myself.

I'd certainly say Villa were in with a good chance of the Championship. The race is wide open with eight or nine clubs with strong

claims.

I'd narrow this down to three or four, with Nottingham Forest, Everton and Manchester City as our main rivals. No, not Liverpool. They didn't impress me when we beat them 2-1 at Anfield.

The Reds didn't seem the Liverpool of last season. The spark and flair had gone and they pumped a lot of high balls into the centre of our defence which Ken McNaught gobbled up.

My biggest reservation about our bid to win honours — remember, we're still in the League Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup, with the F.A. Cup not far away — is our smallish squad.

Naturally we want to win every competition we enter for, yet being realistic this simply isn't possible.

Last season our League Cup success, with all those replays, definitely affected our League form. We should have finished higher than fourth, but with a few injuries our

squad was stretched to its limits.

I'm enjoying our run in Europe, although as I write this article I don't know how we did against Athletic Bilbao in the first-leg.

The U.E.F.A. Cup hasn't been too difficult as yet. We beat Fenerbahce 4-0 in the first-leg in the First Round, which wrapped the tie up more or less. They were a poor team.

Gornik were better, but again we weren't really tested. Our only worry was when we went one down in Poland.

The Euro ties have been played at a slower pace. Continentals don't like the non-stop running of English teams.

Just about every foreign team uses man-for-man marking. Yet when THEY have the ball, they give you oceans of room. It's when you attack them that they close down, but I haven't found this too much of a problem.

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

'Plenty of goals- but not fully fit'

A year ago I was knocking in twos and threes. My goal-rate per game may have dipped, but I gain more satisfaction from scoring more regularly against different sides.

The reason why I say I'm not quite 100 per cent is that during the week I can't push myself to the limit in training — because of my back — so I somehow don't feel I have the sharp edge I had in 1976/77.

It boosted my confidence to see my name back in the goalcharts. I became rather used to seeing "Gray and Macdonald" up there last season!

I'd go as far as to say that if I was going to bet a fiver on who will be Division One's top scorer this season, I'd back myself.

I've said all along that anything less than an improvement on last season's 29 goals would be classed as a failure . . . and I certainly don't want THAT word associated with me.

I have the extra incentive of the possibility of a place in Scotland's World Cup squad to spur me on, so I'll be doing all I can to keep the goals going in.

The one that's given me most pleasure so far was my equaliser against Gornik in Poland. We'd beaten them 2-0 at Villa Park, but when we went 0-1 down out there we were under a bit of pressure.

Frank Carrodus made a great run down the right, beating two opponents before sending over a perfect near-post centre. I managed to beat my marker to the ball to nod home our equaliser. I've seen it since on T.V. and it looked even better than it felt!

There was some doubt about who scored our first goal at Liverpool the other week. It was suggested it was Frank Carrodus's goal, but it goes in the record books as mine. Frank's effort would probably have gone over the line, but my job is to make

RIGHT . . . "I'm sleeping with a board under my mattress to help my back."

BELOW . . . "Ian Bowyer scores for Forest. I have only seen Brian Clough's side on television."



The referees so far have been excellent. I used to think British referees were the best, but I think I've done an injustice to some foreign officials.

The ones we've had showed a good understanding of the game and seemed better briefed about things, like the tackle from behind.

They stamp on it very quickly, whereas in League football too many referees have become slack in this respect.

It's a busy time for Villa. On Saturday (November 26th) we face Newcastle United at Villa Park which promises to be a very interesting game. It's hard to believe United have struggled after doing so well last season. They appear to have trouble behind the scenes which has spread throughout the club.

Newcastle must average about a point per game from now to be safe and this can work both for and against us.

If we get an early goal, their heads could drop as that "here we go again" feeling creeps in.

However, the longer we go without scoring, the more confident The Magpies will become and the harder they'll fight. Whatever their League position, they still have a lot of good players.

Next week we face Forest in the League Cup, which should be one of the best games of the season.

I've only seen Forest on T.V., but they've impressed me with the way the players work for each other.

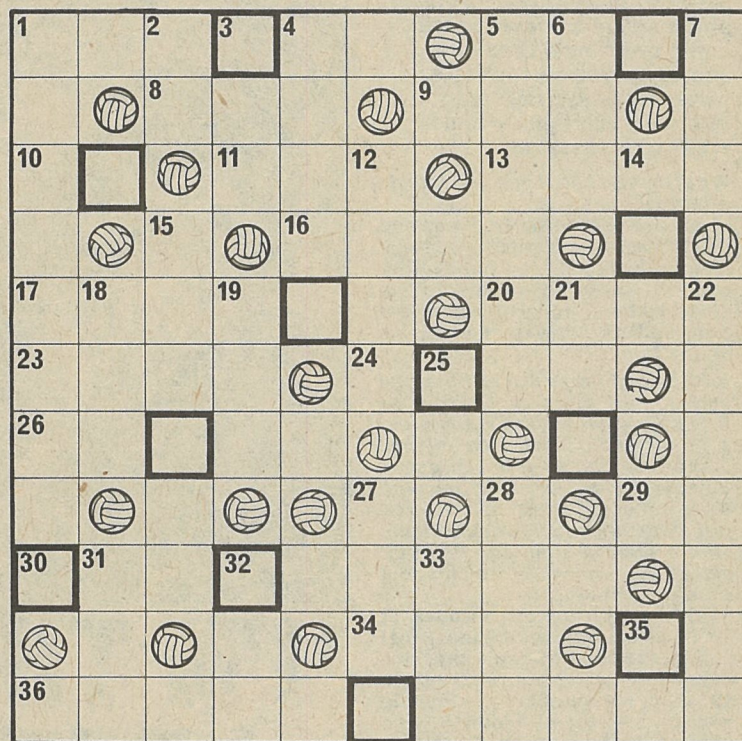
See you in two weeks,

And Goal

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a West Bromwich Albion full-back.

Answers on page 46



ACROSS:—

- (1) Port Vale, Leeds, Hull, Millwall, Aberdeen, Aston Villa. Take the first or second letter from each name to give a word meaning "sounds the depths".
- (5) Move to another direction.
- (8) Geoff ---mer of Wolves.
- (9) -t. -ndre-s (Birmingham City Ground). The omissions reversed.
- (10) Selh-r-t Park, Crystal Palace's ground.
- (11) Neil Mc--- of Spurs.
- (13) Shout loudly.
- (16) Ralph ----achan of Newcastle United.
- (17) Descriptive of openings when one side gets through the other's defence!
- (20) Take four letters from Southampton for a cereal.
- (23) The "Hampden" one is famous!
- (24) Steve P-r-ym-- (Spurs). Deserve from the missing letters.
- (26) S-----land, from Roker Park
- (29) Paul Mar--er of Ipswich Town.
- (30) The ---, home of West Bromwich Albion.
- (34) Brian ---tle of Aston Villa.
- (35) E--ter Road Park, Hibernian.
- (36) ---, club from Dean Court ground.

DOWN:—

- (1) West Ham United full-back. (4 & 5).
- (2) M-irton -ark of St. Johnstone.
- (3) Mike --ho-ey of Newcastle.
- (4) The --- Cats Sunderland's nickname.
- (5) Peter ---, Spurs striker.
- (6) Raceco-r-- Ground, Wrexham.
- (7) Ke---worth Road, Luton's ground.
- (12) ---ball ground; home of Derby County.
- (14) -eic-s-er City, The Filberts.
- (15) -----bank, Edinburgh club.
- (18) --- Harris, Chelsea defender.
- (19) -y--some Park. Ground of Middlesbrough.
- (21) Insect needed to complete N---es, top French League club.
- (22) Real Madrid; famous --- club.
- (25) Derby County, The R--s.
- (27) Part of the foot.
- (28) Col-- --dd of Derby County.
- (31) Joe C-ri--n (Manchester City). The missing letters in reverse.
- (32) Kevin Hec---, Derby striker.
- (33) Peter Lo---er of Leeds United.
- (35) St--ion Park Ground (Forfar Athletic).

FRANCISCO MARINHO

REGULAR readers of SHOOT will know that it is appearing increasingly unlikely that Francisco Marinho — Brazil's 25-year-old blond full-back — will be in his country's squad for Argentina. Marinho's controversial life-style has affected his form and made him a few enemies. Esportiva, a new Brazilian soccer magazine, invited a panel of top journalists to interview Marinho — and it was quite a session!

What do you see when you look in a mirror?

I feel I'm an accomplished man and I'm lucky to have such a marvelous profession. I see a good father and my son is no trouble. I have nine brothers, none of whom are drug addicts, thieves or criminals of any kind.

With your first salary at Botafogo you bought a big car. With your first bonus with Brazil you bought a lot of adult films. You feigned injuries to play in a beach game. You dyed your hair blond and with three other different colours. You put three dogs in your apartment, where there are pictures of yourself all over the walls. Isn't it about time you grew up?

Well, I bought the car because, at 19, I was a good-looking idol. I just couldn't resist it. I bought the films to remember my trip to Europe in 1974. I'm sorry but I'm not inviting you to see them. I didn't feign injuries, that's for sure. As to dyeing my hair, my grandparents are Dutch — that's why I'm blond. I bleached my hair once because when I was in West Germany I couldn't go to the Copacabana Beach and sunbathe. Usually, my hair is bleached by the Brazilian sun. The dogs I bought because one day I thought you might visit me to ask stupid questions. The photos are there because I'm extremely photogenic. Look at them and you'll see what I mean.

Why aren't you ever fit?

I've had a run of injuries since the '74 World Cup... pulled muscles, a cartilage, tonsils, and other ailments. Maybe someone wished bad luck on me, I don't know. I'm now almost as fit as before.

You once said that for players to respect a club president he had to drive a Mustang. Don't you think this is a rather silly statement?

No, I don't. I think the president must be, how shall I say, on a higher degree than his players. At Botafogo one boss used to arrive at the club by bus. What could I ask him? For a rise? Advice?

Is it true that before a match in your early days you were submitted to a test which revealed you had the I.Q. of a 14-year-old?

I've never taken any such test. I was born happy and for some



scored two goals against Colombia I was at my peak. When I was called up by our present boss, Coutinho, I was injured.

What about your life-style?

A footballer is also a citizen and is entitled to have a private life. No one should live like a dog. A professional should be able to live like anyone else after training and playing. I enjoy being recognised and asked for my autograph. I'm the people's idol, you see? I'm a communicative sort of person who likes meeting people and making new friends, so for me being well-known is an advantage.

If the government made a law whereby the CBD would not be able to pay bonuses to players playing for Brazil, would you still want to play?

I wouldn't play for nothing



Francisco the footballer, showing the style that has made him such a big star. And Francisco the family man with his son Marcelo and wife Marijara.

'I'M THE BEST LEFT-BACK IN THE WORLD'

reason certain people tend to dislike you when you're happy all the time. Spiritually I'm a millionaire. I'm happy, romantic, I like the samba, tango, international music. If you were born sad that's your problem, not mine.

Do you expect to be in the Brazil team for the World Cup?

That's not up to me. I'm a professional and if I'm called up I'll do all I can to be in the side. Football, however, is full of surprises and I prefer not to say too much about this.

Can you be as good as in 1974 when you were undoubtedly Brazil's best player?

If I'm physically fit I'm sure I can be. I'm the best left-back in the world.

If you were a substitute for the World Cup and a foreign club offered you a contract, what would your decision be?

It would be up to my club, Fluminense. I have a good contract

at the moment, the club has a wonderful following and I like my club-mates. To be a substitute in the World Cup makes me laugh. I'm not afraid of any of my rivals. If a foreign club made an acceptable offer for me I'd love to go and learn a different way of life, meet new people — and I'd be able to show them what they saw in '74.

How is your record selling?

Average. Of course I'm not a professional singer; I made the disc because some friends asked me to. The song is about myself — "This Is Me" — and has been a success in Northern Brazil and Sao Paulo. Only in Rio it didn't quite make it because mainly of some jealous journalists.

When Brandao was manager you kept saying you should play for Brazil. Wasn't that unfair to the other players?

I never said I should play, merely that as I was fit at the time I was the best in the world. When I

because I'm a professional and I need the money. If an amateur side asked me to play for free, that'd be different. I'd be proud to help out.

Why did you run away when Poland beat Brazil for the third place in 1974? Was it because Leao, the Brazil goalkeeper, punched you?

Leao didn't thump me. When we lost to Poland I went to the dressing room crying. Leao wanted to accuse me of being responsible for their goal. I lost the ball in midfield, but our defence should still have done something about it. So should Leao. Afterwards, Leao came over to me and put his head over mine and asked whether I had liked Poland's goal. In the national team you must control yourself. I did not react to these words of Leao, but the Press said I'd been punched. There is something else I want to tell you... oh, forget it.

You definitely want to play abroad, don't you?

Spain appeals to me. In 1974 Real Madrid made a good offer to Botafogo, but they turned it down. This could be a similar problem next year because Fluminense are sure to ask an astronomical fee for me. When they bought me from Botafogo they gave Gil, Paulo Cesar and Rodrigues Neto in exchange — all internationals. My contract runs out next year and we'll see what happens then. I'll be 26 by 1978 and hopefully I'll have played in two World Cups with seven years top-class experience in Brazil behind me.

It'll be tough for England in '82, unless...

ENGLAND's main hope of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup Finals could rest with the decision F.I.F.A. make on whether to increase the number of Finalists to 24.

Joao Havelange, president of soccer's ruling body, is very keen on the idea and if any country is equipped to take a bigger-than-ever influx of supporters it's Spain, the '82 hosts.

Looking at it the worst way, if the rules aren't changed then once again England will find qualifying difficult because they'll be paired with one of the seeded countries — that is, one of the '78 Finalists.

England v. West Germany in a qualifying group? A possibility. Or how about... England v. Scotland? No comment!

However, if the number of Finalists IS increased from 16 to 24 then even England should be able to qualify fairly comfortably.

For 1978, the Finalists will be: Europe — ten, South America three, Asia one, Africa one, Central America one.

So how could the '82 Finals look? With more places, something like this: Europe 14, South America four, Asia two, Africa two, Central America two.

The hosts (Spain) qualify automatically, so do the winners (Brazil?). F.I.F.A. may even give automatic qualification to the runners-up.

With around four more European places England should qualify — or at least, should find the task easier. So should Wales and the two Irelands.

And Scotland? They're laughing. As a seeded country, they'll be drawn against "weaker" opposition... teams who missed out in '78.

Like England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland.

● According to a survey in the United States the most popular foreign clubs are: Liverpool, Bayern Munich, Manchester United, Borussia Mönchengladbach, Ajax, Leeds and Chelsea in that order.

Striker didn't want to score!

THERE are ill-winds blowing in Huracán, one of Argentina's most famous clubs. Despite having top-class players like Houseman, Ardiles, Carrascosa, Saldaño and Bale, the team is in serious danger of relegation to the Second Division.

Part of the problem is Huracán's big names seem to be more interested in next year's World Cup than in their team's future. Houseman has repeatedly been fined and suspended for skipping training; international goalkeeper Bale has just finished a 30-day suspension for failing to report for training; and striker Saldaño has suffered the same fate after some comments in a radio interview before Huracán's recent game against Colón.

"I've got a lot of friends in the Colón team," he said, "so I'll be trying not to score a goal against them."

How friendly can you get!

PRESS KNOWS BEST!

● When Yugoslavia's national team is under fire it is the practice to try to prove the national team manager knows best by fielding his team against a side chosen by a group of football journalists. Preparing for the World Cup tie v. Rumania such a game was played recently in Belgrade and to the chagrin of the F.A., the journalists' team won by 4-2. Yugoslavia went on to beat Rumania 6-4, though.

'HELLO FATTY'

ANDERLECHT and Belgium defender Gille van Binst had some rather unkind things to say about teammate Jean Thissen in an interview.

The problem stems from the rivalry between the French- and Flemish-speaking people of Belgium.

French-speaking Thissen hasn't bothered to learn the other language during his four years with Anderlecht.

Van Binst says: "When we say 'good morning fatty' to him in Flemish he just smiles, thinking we've said something nice."

● After Rumanians Steaua played Barcelona in the U.E.F.A. Cup, their masseur Dincu Mihail remained in Spain and asked for political asylum.

CRUYFF'S GOAL

● Nobody really knows what Johan Cruyff's international future is. Although he said in SHOOT last week he won't play in the World Cup Finals, Johan may be tempted to play again because he is one goal behind Faas Wilkes, who holds the Dutch scoring record with 46 goals.

Perhaps a testimonial against England would help Johan reach his goal.

WHEN AC MILAN beat Foggia 2-0 the goals were scored by their two veterans, Rivera and Maldera — both 35.

THE ARGENTINIAN government has announced the seizure of a large quantity of illicit radio and T.V. equipment belonging to the guerrilla-warfare group "Los Montoneros". Apparently the guerrillas intended to transmit "pirate" programmes of political propaganda during World Cup games.

IRAN have emerged as favourites to stage the 1990 World Cup Finals.

AUSTRIA's players received £3,000 each for qualifying for the World Cup Finals... the manager pocketed a cool £17,000.

● Picture shows Prohaska scoring the goal against Turkey that ensured Austria's qualification.

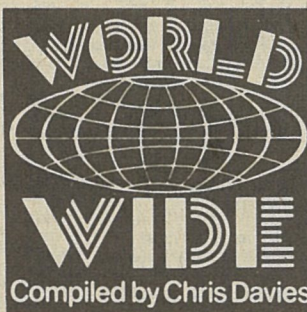


● The takings from the recent CONCACAF area World Cup play-off totalled a healthy £440,000 — thanks largely to the success of home team Mexico, who comfortably qualified for Argentina. Over £250,000 was taken in the Aztec Stadium, and a further £120,000 came from the matches played in Monterrey. Television fees accounted for the rest of the bumper receipts.

ITALY star Giancarlo Antognoni has announced he is "willing to leave the club" after Fiorentina dropped to bottom of the First Division. Fiorentina announced his transfer fee would be at least £2 million!

● It looks like being another lean season for Chilean League clubs. Attendances so far are 162,000 down on last year, which represents a drop of 12.7 per cent.

● Scandinavian Champions... Sweden — Malmö FF; Denmark — OB Copenhagen; Norway — Lillestrøm.



CASH AND CARRY

RACING SANTANDER's two Portuguese players, goalkeeper Damas and midfielder Quinito, recently had a nasty surprise when they arrived at Madrid's Barajas Airport for a flight to Lisbon.

The two players were searched by customs officers and were then arrested when a total of £12,000 in cash was found scattered around their luggage, in their shoes and even stashed away in their underwear.

After making official statements, the duo were released on bail, but legal proceedings against them are now in progress.

● The F.A. of Israel has invited the West German national team to play a friendly in Tel Aviv next May for the official opening of the 11th Hapoel Games. If the Germans accept it will be the first official game between the countries.

New HSV boss

● It still seems uncertain what will be happening at Hamburger SV, Kevin Keegan's club.

General-manager Peter Krohn resigned after an internal row, while team-boss Rudi Gutendorf is "on holiday" until January.

Meanwhile, former Turkish goalkeeper Arçac Özcan (seen here) is in charge of the team, but no general-manager has been appointed.

The controversial Dr. Krohn says he fancies the idea of coming to an English club and wants to write a book, also.



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

THIRD DIVISION (continued)

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Crawford pen.)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Phillips) 4,825
 Rotherham: McAlister; Womble, Breckin, Matthews, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.

SWINDON (1) 1 (Aizlewood)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Sutcliffe) 6,132
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Proffitt, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie (Anderson), McHale, Gilligan.
 Port Vale: Dance; McGifford, Bentley, Harris, Dulson, Brownbill, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Beech, Beamish, Bailey.

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Shinton)
SHEFF. WED. (1) 1 (Tynan) 9,145
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Cartwright (Griffiths), Whittle.
 Sheff. W.: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Mullen, Cusack, Dowd, Wyde, Johnson, Tynan, Prendergast, Porterfield.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Crosby)
WATFORD (0) 0 8,059
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Butler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, McGregor, Needham, Dungworth, Cotton (Hooper).
 Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Mayes (Blissett), Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Downes.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Barton)
WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Holmes, Leslie) 4,272
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Miller, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Shanahan, Lennard, Riley (Paterson).
 Wimbledon: Teale; Tilley, Galvin, Bryant, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Davies, Summerill, Holmes, Leslie.

BRENTFORD 0
SOUTHPORT 0 6,130
 Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Smith, Lloyd (Walker), Salman, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham, Baldwin, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, Higham, Brooks, Fisher, Brookfield, Wilson, Jones, Ashworth, Gay.

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Maitland, Rowles)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Baines, Johnson) 2,825
 Darlington: Owers; Hague, Cochrane, Crosson, Craig, Stone, Nattress, Rowles, Maitland (Ferguson), Seal, Wann.
 Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Armstrong, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Butler.

HALIFAX 0
TORQUAY 0 1,077
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Johnston, Horsfall.
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Dunne, Lawrence, Brown, Raper.

NEWPORT (2) 2 (Preece pen., Walker S)
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Summerbee, Massey) 4,083
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel (Guscott), Walker (R), Jones, Walker (S), Clark, Goddard, Relish, Preece.
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park (McBeth), Prudham, Massey.

ROCHDALE (0) 3 (Melledew, Owen, Esser)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Hemsley) 1,963
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Boslem, Melledew, Seddon, Owen, Esser, Tarbuck.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Hemsley, Robinson, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Habbins, O'Callaghan, Laidlaw, Bentley (Reed).

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
READING (0) 1 (Cumming) 2,569
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Oates, Pilling, Farrell, Keeley, Lumby (Kilmore), Heron.

Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Bennett, Earles, Sanchez (Wanklyn), Nelson, Davies, Cumming.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Charles)
YORK (0) 1 (Hope) 5,346
 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Lally, James, Chappell, Curtis, Charles, Conway (Morrissey).
 York: Brown; Scott, Hutt, Topping, James, Young, Pollard, Holmes, Hope, Hunter, Staniforth.

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Jarvie)
HIBS (1) 2 (Smith o.g., McLeod) 11,900
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Sullivan (Scott), Jarvie (Davidson), Harper, Fleming, McMaster.
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Brazil, Stewart, McNamara, McLeod, Bremner, Henderson, Higgins, Duncan.

AYR (1) 2 (McCall, Masterton)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 3,700
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly (McSherry), Filippi, Fleming, Tait, Cramond, McCall (McLelland), Masterton, McCulloch, Christie.
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Hay, Lumsden, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Colgan (Callaghan).

CELTIC (0) 1 (McAdam)
ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Munro o.g., Stark) 29,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Kay, Burns, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Munro, Wilson, McAdam, Glavin, Aitken, Conn.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Abercrombie, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Docherty (Sharp).

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (O'Rourke)
RANGERS (4) 4 (Smith, Johnstone 3) 20,050
 Motherwell: Muir; Millar (P), Wark, McLaren, McVie (O'Rourke), Stevens, Kennedy, Miller (J), O'Neil (Marinello), Davidson, Purdie.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Greig, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

PARTICK (0) 2 (Melrose, Somner)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Sturrock) 4,500
 Partick: Rough; Mackie (Campbell), Whitaker, Gibson (O'Hara), Anderson, Marr, Houston, Melrose, Love, Somner, Craig.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Bourke, Addison, Payne.

MONDAY, OCT. 17

FOURTH DIVISION

ROCHDALE 0
HUDDERSFIELD 0 2,489
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Bannan, Melledew, Seddon, Owen, Esser, Tarbuck.
 Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Armstrong, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Butler (Mountford).

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP (Semi-Final first-leg)

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Mann)
ST MIRREN (0) 0 5,429
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, Smith, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Beckett, Young, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Abercrombie, Stark, Sharp, Richardson, Hyslop (Docherty).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

EUROPEAN CUP (Second Round first-leg)

CELTIC (0) 2 (Craig, Burns)
SW INNSBRUCK (0) 1 (Kreiss) 30,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Aitken, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Casey, Doyle, Craig, Burns, Wilson, Conn (Lennox).

Innsbruck: Koncilia; Kreiss, Constantini, Schwarz (P), Pezzey, Stering, Zanon, Forstinger, Welzl, Schwarz (W), Oberacher.

GLENTORAN (0) 0
JUVENTUS (1) 1 (Causio) 30,000
 Glentoran: Matthews; McCreery, McFall (R), Walsh, Robson, Moreland, Dougan (Stewart), Jamison, Caskey, McFall (Q), Feeney.
 Juventus: Zoff; Cuccureddu, Gentile (Cabrin), Furino, Morini, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Boninsegna, Benetti, Bettiga (Virdis).

LIVERPOOL (3) 5 (Hansen, Case 2, Neal pen., Kennedy)
DYNAMO DRESDEN (0) 1 (Hafner) 39,835
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Daiglish, Case, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.
 Dresden: Boden; Muller (K) (Helm), Dörner, Schmuck, Weber, Hafner, Schade, Kreische, Muller (M), Kotte (Riedel), Heidler.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP (Second Round first-leg)

PORTO (2) 4 (Duda 3, Oliveira)
MAN. UTD (0) 0
 Porto: Fonseca; Gabriel, Simoes, Freitas, Murca, Teixeira, Rodolfo, Octavio, Duda, Oliveira, Seninho.
 Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, Houston (Forsyth), Buchan, McGrath, McCreery, Coppell, Macari, Hill.

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Second Round first-leg)

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (McNaught 2)
GORNIK ZABRZE (0) 0 34,138
 Villa: Rimmer (Findlay); Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
 Gornik: Cimander; Jarzina, Gorgon, Bindek, Wieczorek, Szoltysik, Hutka, Kurzega, Radecki, Popowicz, Gzil.

BASTIA (0) 2 (Papi 2)
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Cannell) 10,000
 Bastia: Weller; Burkhardt, Kazes, Orlanducci, Guesdon, Desvignes (Francheschetti), Rep, Lacuesta, Felix, Papi, De Zerbi.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly, Nattress, Cassidy, McCaffery, Nulty, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Gowing, Craig (T).

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Gates)
LAS PALMAS (0) 0 22,249
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley (Osborne), Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Whymark (Turner), Wood.
 Las Palmas: Carnevali; Estevez, Paez, Roque, Felipe, Felix, Maciel, Brindisi, Morete, Jorge, Juani (Gerardo).



A goal from Don Gillies gave Bristol City a 1-1 draw v. Hibs in the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Semi-Final first-leg)

HIBS (0) 1 (Duncan)
BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Gillies)
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Brazil, Stewart, McNamara, McLeod, Bremner, Henderson, Higgins, Duncan.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Gillies, Cormack, Mann.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Philpotts, Allen)
ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Crawford pen., Finney) 6,215
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Matthews, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (0) 1 (O'Callaghan)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Rowles, Cochrane) 4,215
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Hemsley, Robinson, Owen (Jones), Taylor, Miller, Laidlaw, O'Callaghan, Habbins, Snodin.
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Stone, Craig, Hague, Lyons, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Gay)
HALIFAX (2) 2 (Horsfall, Powell) 2,225
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby (Broomfield), Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Higham, Wilson, Ashworth, Gay, Jones.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy (Bullock), Carroll, Bell, Powell, Horsfall, Johnston.

YORK (1) 2 (Hutt, Holmes)
ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Melledew, Scaife) 1,579
 York: Brown; Scott, Hutt, Young, Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Hunter, Hoy, Staniforth.
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Bannan, Owen, Seddon, Melledew, Esser, Tarbuck.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Hibbitt 2, Towers)
DERBY (0) 1 (O'Riordan) 23,108
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish, Daly, McFarland (O'Riordan), Todd, Powell, Hector, Hughes, George, James.

BRISTOL C (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Rix, Macdonald) 25,497
 Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Mann, Whitehead.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, Young, Simpson, Brady, Hudson, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Hutchison)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner) 20,014
 Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath (Graydon), Dugdale, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley (Geddis), Roberts, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Osborne.

LIVERPOOL 0
EVERTON 0 51,668
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Daiglish, Case, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.
 Everton: King; Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Rioch, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.

MAN. CITY (0) 0
WOLVES (2) 2 (Richards 2) 42,730
 Man. C: Corrigan; Doyle, Donachie, Owen, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Henry (Clements), Power.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Patching, Brazier, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Sunderland.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Souness 2)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Harris) 27,516
Middlesbrough: Platt; Bailey, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
Leeds: Harvey; Stevenson, Gray (F), Lorimer, Parkinson, Madeley, Cherry, Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Harris.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Burns)
CHELSEA (0) 0 24,000
Newcastle: Hardwick; Nattrass, Kelly, Nulty, McCaffery, Cassidy, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).
Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Wilkins (R), Langley (Aylott), Swain, Walker.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Gibbins, Ryan pen.)
LEICESTER (0) 0 18,122
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan (McGuire), Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Webb, Williams, Weller, Salmons, Waddle, Sannels, Armstrong.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Bowyer, Burns) 24,248
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Shanks, Eastoe, Busby, Masson, Bowles, Givens (Williams).
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, Gemmill, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

W.B.A. (3) 4 (Cross 2, Wile, Cunningham)
MAN. UTD (0) 0 27,912
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham, Cross, Robson, Johnston.
Man. U: Stepany; Forsyth, Rogers, McIlroy, Nicholl, Buchan, Coppell, McCreery (McGrath), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Taylor T., Hales)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (McNaught, Gray) 26,599
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Radford, Brookling, Hales.
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan (Cowans), Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Round 2)
STOKE (1) 1 (Hird o.g.) 10,221
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Round, Lewis, Parkes, Taylor.
Stoke: Jones; Lumsden, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Conroy (Scott), Richardson, Gregory, Waddington, Crooks.

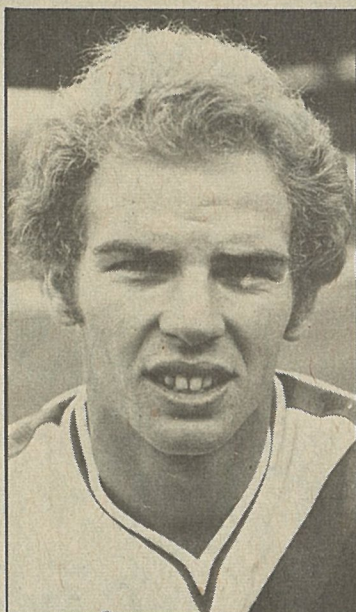
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Ronson, Ainscow)
LUTON (0) 1 (Husband) 12,167
Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Milligan (Finnigan), Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Hatton, Hart.
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Fitcher (P), Husband, Hill, Fitcher (R), Fucillo, Boersma.

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Mellor)
C. PALACE (1) 1 (Hinshelwood P.) 28,208
Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Potts, Ward (Fell), Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.
C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Wall, Swindlehurst (Perrin), Chatterton, Hilaire, Bourne, Harkouk.

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Flynn)
HULL (0) 1 (Bremner) 8,706
Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Overton, Thomson, Ingham, Smith, Fletcher, Flynn, Morley.
Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Daniel, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Galvin, Grimes, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Went)
OLDHAM (0) 0 6,910
Cardiff: Irwin; Pethard, Attley, Dwyer, Went, Pontin, Campbell, Buchanan, Robson, Sayer, Grapes (Byrne).
Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Holt (Valentine), Bernard, Edwards, Hurst, Taylor, Blair, Halom, Chapman, Groves.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Gales)
ORIENT (2) 2 (Kitchen, Mayo) 9,126
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Howe (Bullivant), Lacy, Gale, Best, Evanson, Mitchell, Mahoney, Margerison.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen (Payne), Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozi, Glover, Mayo, Kitchen, Grealish.



Crystal Palace's Paul Hinshelwood scored in his club's 1-1 away draw against Brighton.

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Syrett)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Rostron 2) 12,827
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, McEwan, Foster (C), Wood, Morris, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Elliott, Ashurst, Rostron, Arnott, Greenwood, Lee, Rowell.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Mehmet)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Hamilton) 7,462
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton, Murphy, Mehmet, Chambers, Barrett.
Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson, Hamilton.

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Carter, Vinter)
CHARLTON (0) 0 8,273
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Stubbs, Chapman, Benjamin, Carter, Smith, Sims, Mann, Vinter.
Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Campbell, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Holmes, Boyer)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Worthington, Morgan) 27,296
Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, Osgood, Holmes, MacDougall.
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Worthington, Reid, Train.

TOTTENHAM (3) 9 (Lee 4, Taylor, Moores 3, Hoddle)
BRISTOL R (0) 0 26,311
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Moores, Lee, Taylor.
Bristol R: Jones; Bate, Taylor (T), Day, Taylor (S), Prince (Hendrie), Williams, Aitken, Gould, Staniforth, Evans.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C 0
HEREFORD 0 4,645
Bradford C: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Spark, Smith, Middleton, Fretwell (Podd), Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.
Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Stephens, Carter, Davey, Spiring, Fear.

BURY 0
CHESTERFIELD 0 5,074
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Curran (Stanton), McIlwraith, Rowland, Suddick, Robins.
Chesterfield: Ogroovic; Tarr, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Pollard, Fern, Parker, Cammack, Heppollette.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Spriggs)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 5,423
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Howard, Stringer (Murray), Fallon, Smith, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Packer, Downman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Foley, Allinson (Dyer).

CHESTER (0) 1 (Storton)
SWINDON (0) 0 3,292
Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.
Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, Stroud, Aizlewood, Proffitt, Moss, McLaughlin, Anderson (McHale), Kamara, French.

EXETER (1) 2 (Jennings, Kellow)
PRESTON (0) 0 5,444
Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jennings.
Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson (Burns), Elwiss, Smith.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Westwood)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Rafferty) 6,822
Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Burrows, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
Carlisle: Ross; Collins (Tait), McCartney, Ludlam, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Lathan, Clarke, Rafferty, Hamilton.

OXFORD (1) 2 (Curran, Bodel)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Austin) 5,727
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Craven, Hall, Taylor, Austin, Binney, Rogers (Harrison).

PORT VALE 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 3,502
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Bentley, Harris, Dulson, Brownbill, Lamb (Cullerton), Beech, Beamish, Bailey.
Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Cozens (Sargent), Carmichael, Robson.

SHEFF. WED (2) 2 (Bradshaw, Rushbury)
LINCOLN (0) 0 13,166
Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld, Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield, Bradshaw.
Lincoln: Grotter; Guest, Leigh, Fleming, Wigginton, Cooper, Hubbard, Ward, Graham, Neale, Harding.

SHREWSBURY (3) 6 (Atkins 3, 2 pens, Hornsby, Irvine, Nixon)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp) 3,726
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby (Maguire), Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Foster, Denyer, Barnard, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.

WALSALL (0) 0
WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeil) 5,502
Walsall: Moseley; Macken, Newton, Evans, Hynd, Serella, Robertson, Bates, Wood (Dennehy), Buckley, Birch.
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Evans, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

FOURTH DIVISION

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Cumming)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 4,283
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Partridge, Drinkell, Cumming (Donovan), Brolly.
Aldershot: Johnson; Dixon, Butler, Crosby, Youlden, Earls, Hooper, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Poskett 2, Ayre)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips) 2,439
Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Linacre, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Smith, Lloyd, Salaman, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham, Baldwin, McCulloch, Phillips.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Eccles 2)
BARNLEY (0) 0 7,583
Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Armstrong, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray (McCaffrey), Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Butler.
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Peachey, Price, Joicey, Brown, Collier (Collins).

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Reilly)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 3,479
Northampton: Parton; Mead, Tucker, Robertson, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Best, Reilly, McGowan (Wassall), Christie.
Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Benson, Miller, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Paterson, Lennard, Cave.

READING (1) 2 (Sanchez, Nelson)
CREWE (0) 0 4,446
Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hiron, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Sanchez, Cumming, Davies.
Crewe: Cradgington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D) (Spence), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Thompson, Lawler)
SWANSEA (0) 0 4,028
Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.
Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Bruton, May, Morrissey, Moore (K), Lally (Gray), Curtis, Charles, Conway.

TORQUAY (1) 4 (Brown 2, Tomlin, Green)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Lumby pen., Green o.g.) 2,529
Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Dunne, Lawrence, Brown, Raper.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Pilling, Kavanagh, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.

WATFORD (1) 2 (Mercer, Downes)
NEWPORT (0) 0 10,749
Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Maves (Blissett).
Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Williams, Clark, Goddard (Guscott), Relish, Walker (S).

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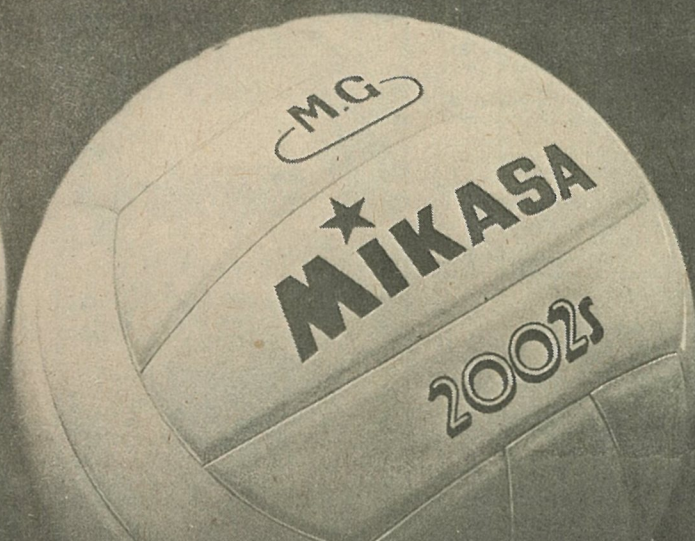
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'I'D PACK THE GAME IN if I wasn't enjoying myself'

says Derby's controversial striker
CHARLIE GEORGE

CHARLIE is looking forward to getting Derby moving up the League table again now he's recovered from his car crash.

George signed a new three-year contract with the Midlands club just before the accident which caused a depressed fracture of the cheek bone. And his decision to resign reflects his happiness since Tommy Docherty took over as manager.

Says the striker: "The smash was a choker because I'd been playing well at the time. And I'd already missed the opening of the season through suspension so I could have done without another lay-off."

"The irony of the crash was I didn't want to risk driving on a Friday night with a game the next day so I got a taxi instead."

George missed the first four League games after being sent-off in the final match of last season and his future at Derby looked doubtful until The Doc took over.

He'd had several clashes with former boss Colin Murphy and it

seemed odds-on he would be on the move again.

But before the accident, he'd been looking much more like his old self in a revitalised Derby team.

"People kept telling me how well I was playing. I was certainly enjoying myself. But then I always do. If I didn't, I'd pack the game in."

"Tommy Doc soon got the players geared up, and we've been playing in a lot more attacking style. Before Leighton James went to Q.P.R. we'd been lining up in 4-2-4 formation with Leighton and Billy Hughes going down the wings."

The style's obviously changed since Don Masson arrived but we're still an attacking side. As a forward, I'm obviously happier in that sort of team.

"Gerry Daly has been outstanding in midfield, and Roy McFarland and Colin Todd have been as solid as ever at the back. But it's almost unfair to single people out because

everyone showed a great improvement after The Doc's arrival.

"It's hard to pinpoint exactly what it is about the boss. He's just got this charisma which seems to rub off on people."

"I didn't expect many sides to beat us after the way we were putting it together just before I was injured. But we've slipped a little recently."

George's absence in itself clearly made a difference, although you won't get him to say so.

He can't tell you why the team suddenly slumped again, either, because he didn't watch his teammates in action.

"I've never been much of a watcher, it only makes you feel worse when you can't be out there yourself."

"I would have been back earlier, but the doctor warned me it can take a month for the sort of fracture I had to set properly after the operation. I didn't want to risk getting it injured again."

Now, however, he's raring to re-establish himself as one of the country's leading strikers.

"I can't see us being in relegation trouble again this season. I know we haven't been doing too well, but I still reckon we can book a place in Europe for next season. And that would be good going after the start we've made."




Gerry Daly (left) is having an outstanding season for Derby in midfield.

COLIN WALDRON
Sunderland

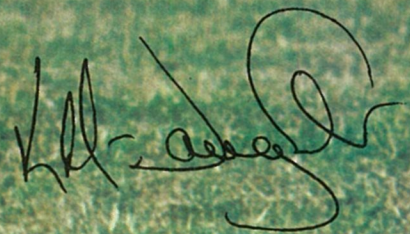


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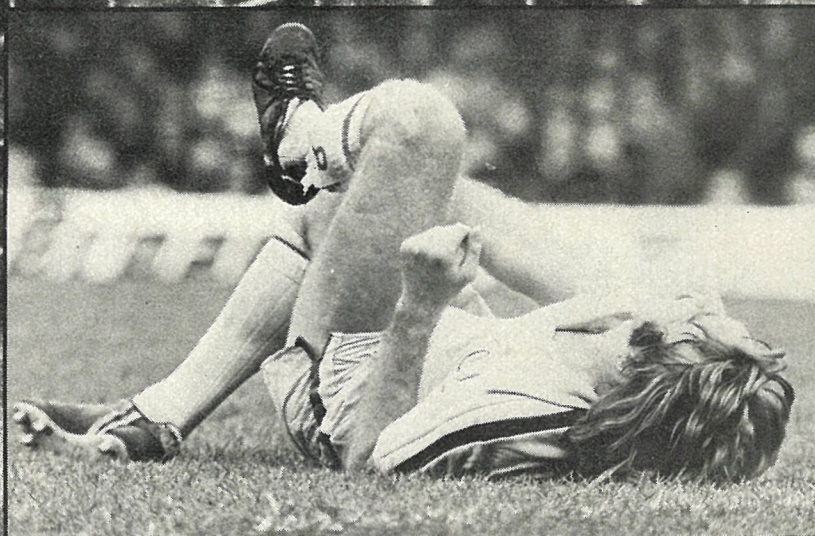


FOCUS ON KEN McNAUGHT ASTON VILLA

FULL NAME: Kenneth McNaight
BIRTHPLACE: Kirkcaldy
BIRTHDATE: 11th January, 1955
HEIGHT: 6ft 2½ins
WEIGHT: 13st 2lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Everton
MARRIED: To Maureen
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Capri
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: No one in particular
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1977 League Cup Final
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the above with Everton
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for Scotland Amateur Youth
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Singapore
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Walking my dog, golfing, driving
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, waiting
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Documentaries, sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Abba, Neil Diamond
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Barbra Streisand
BEST FRIEND: I like to think I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, wife and family in general
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Bad referees, long coach trips
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish Amateur Youth
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be secure and successful
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland in the World Cup
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Chartered accountant
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SHOOT!



Leeds United's Tony Currie (above) lies in agony following a crunching tackle in a League game against Leicester this term. A painful expression from Everton's Bob Latchford (main picture) after the Goodison Park side had scored v. Newcastle. Kevin Broadhurst (below) is helped off the field. He later returned to assist Birmingham to secure two points against Aston Villa.



IT'S A H·A·R·D
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Ayr's Gordon Crammond (dark strip) in action during their 2-0 win over Clydebank in October.

AYR UNITED have often been called the wonder team of the Premier Division. A lot of people keep asking: "How long can they stay in the Top Ten? And will they last another season?"

The little part-time Somerset Park club have been playing for the past two-and-a-half seasons with the finger of relegation beckoning them into the lower Division.

"I suppose it's going to be like the past two seasons," said manager Alex Stuart after his side's

something to offer."

Sproat is one of the most colourful characters on the Scottish scene. For that game against Celtic at Somerset Park he purposely wore a blue jersey and a blue headband for his flowing locks. "I tried to get a pair of blue gloves, too, but I was unsuccessful," he says. "I just had to wear a pair of green ones."

The keeper also intends wearing a green jersey and a green headband, as well as those green

THIRD TIME UNLUCKY FOR PART-TIMERS AYR?

recent 2-1 defeat from Partick Thistle at home. "We'll have to just keep fighting to stave off relegation. It's going to be another battle."

Stuart knows all about the survival game. His team were tipped to fall in their first season in the Top Ten. For a long spell it looked as though the so-called experts would be proved correct, but at the last gasp they pulled clear and Dundee and St. Johnstone went hurtling through the trapdoor.

Last term was a similar story. The prophets of doom were grinning again and saying they would be proved right this time. But again, amazingly, the brave part-timers pulled clear leaving Hearts and Kilmarnock spilling into the First Division.

Well, is it going to be third time unlucky? "There is still a long, long way to go," says goalkeeper Hugh Sproat, who is a real personality with the fans. "We won't admit anything until the very last kick of the ball in the very last game of the season."

"Remember, we did beat Celtic at Somerset Park earlier in the season. Celtic may have had some strange results, but they aren't that bad. Any team who can take two points from them after giving them a goal start must have

gloves, when he plays against Rangers!

"It's all part of the game," says Sproat. "I enjoy my football. It's an entertainment and I am an entertainer. However, I don't take any risks. I always play safe, but if I can bring a splash of colour to the scene and it won't do any harm then I'm all for it."

Sproat, whose full-time job is that of a chimney sweep, has played a vital part in keeping Ayr in the Premier. He has brought attention and much-needed publicity to a team who are often shunned and forgotten by the media.

Ally MacLeod, their former manager, made certain the spotlight never wavered far from Somerset Park with his flamboyancy, but Alex Stuart, a true professional, gets on with the job quietly and efficiently.

Sproat, who is also a punk rocker who likes to wear ear-rings in the shape of razor blades (colours? Green and blue, of course), likes to parade his talents in front of the biggest audiences.

He really enjoys his games against Celtic and Rangers. He has no intention of going without them. We wonder if he will be successful in his survival attempts yet again!

ALTHOUGH the Fourth Division's most illustrious club Huddersfield Town have recovered a little from a shocking start to the season, it's still sad to see a club which once won the League title three years running, languishing among the dead men.

What would Clem Stephenson, Sam Wadsworth and Billy Smith of that victorious 1920's team make of it all?

What would Vic Metcalfe, Jimmy Glazzard and Eddie Boot of the successful 1950's side say, and what even would internationals Frank Worthington, Trevor Cherry and Jimmy Nicholson, of the

Last season 27 players were used, of which only eight had been with the club two years previously; and only two goalkeepers Terry Poole (now with Bolton) and midfielder Steve Smith (now Halifax) had played more than ten first team games. That hardly smacks of a settled side does it?

Johnston has inherited a mixture of players who like those before them arrived at Leeds Road with good records, and youngsters who badly need the inspiration of good players around them.

At the moment it's the old, old story. Terry Eccles and Jim McCaffrey (from Mansfield) and Mick

Huddersfield must find a settled side

immediate past think if they'd been told five years ago, Huddersfield today would be also-rans in the soccer basement?

It's no good any club living on past glories of course, and such as Aston Villa, Preston, Blackburn and Portsmouth have discovered that no one is immune to failure.

Neighbours Sheffield Wednesday have slumped alarmingly too, but still Huddersfield's nosedive from the First Division to the Fourth in three years was dramatically unprecedented.

As is the fashion the latest casualty of continued misfortune was the manager John Haselden, who at least kept a job, being demoted from team manager to coach.

Not for the first time wily Tom Johnston has stepped into the breach and finds himself running Huddersfield for his third spell.

Whether he can find the Midas touch or not remains to be seen, but the extraordinary fact is Huddersfield should never have been allowed to plumb to such depths.

Regularity

Players have come and gone with astonishing regularity and perhaps that's the trouble. There's been no consistency of team selection and very few players have been able to claim automatic places.

The club has also tried to run on First Division lines throughout the upheavals, and perhaps the players have been spoiled by fat wages which they hardly warranted through their performances, and facilities far above the norm for the Fourth Division.

Players with proven records like Phil Summerill, Jimmy Lawson, Colin Garwood, Brian O'Neill, Rod Belfitt, Barry Endean, Jimmy McGill, Dick Krzywicki and Graham Pugh brought renewed hope when they arrived on the scene. In the main they failed to live up to their pasts, and the club sank deeper into the mire all the time.



Manager
Tom Johnston

Butler (from Barnsley) are scoring nowhere near as consistently as they did for their previous clubs.

The one success story is of Kevin Johnson, the former Hartlepool player who looks a real winner, while former Northampton 'keeper Alan Starling has not let the side down.

Otherwise it's the local boys like Peter Howey, Terry Gray, Terry Armstrong, Peter Hart and Paul Gartland who are striving to lead the club back from the dead.

We hope they succeed. A club with the traditions of Huddersfield Town have no right to be looking down and out.

Are Spurs on a soccer springboard?

Can they regain First Division status after only one season back in the Second?

Tottenham's skipper and inspiration Steve Perryman (right).

Pat Jennings and Cyril Knowles parade the F.A. Cup after their 1967 success v. Chelsea. Keith Burkinshaw (bottom of page) took over when Terry Neill moved to Arsenal.

TOTTENHAM Hotspur was once a name synonymous with success. Feared throughout England and Europe.

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In 1963 Spurs became the first British club to win the European Cup-Winners' Cup. That followed two successive F.A. Cup wins, the first of those in the 1960-61 season, their 'double' winning year.

Sprinkled between 1963 and their last taste of success, when they won the League Cup ten years on, were another F.A. Cup win in 1967, a first League Cup win in 1971, and U.E.F.A. Cup victory against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1972.

But then came disaster. First the upheaval in June, 1976, when manager Terry Neill resigned.

The following month Keith Burkinshaw, Neill's coach, was appointed manager.

Burkinshaw had the unenviable task of re-building a Spurs' empire that was rapidly in decline.

Long gone were such names as Jimmy Greaves, Danny Blanchflower, Dave Mackay, and more recently, Alan Mullery, Martin Peters and Martin Chivers.

Burkinshaw tried hard to avert the inevitable. But after one season in charge Spurs were relegated, thereby ending a 25-year stay in the First Division.

A number of football's critics expected Burkinshaw would be sacked. But Tottenham's board stood by their manager, confident he would do the job they installed him for.

Burkinshaw went on quietly re-building, until he was left with just one big name from the glory days — Steve Perryman, now his captain.

Perryman is leading Spurs' challenge in the Second Division. Their fans ardently hope they can become the 11th side since the War to return to the First Division at the first attempt.

"It's a tall order," says Perry-



man. "I'm not going to say we'll go straight back. That puts unfair pressure on the players.

"But Tottenham is a First Division club. When we do win promotion we'll make a good account of ourselves — again."

Perryman, a very likeable Cockney, is right not to put pressure on his team. But he accepts there are few better sides in the Second Division.

"Not even that guarantees success," he says. "The Second is a very hard Division to get out of.

"Nobody has a divine right to promotion. You have to work hard.

"In recent seasons some very good sides have been promoted. But the best haven't always taken the Second Division Championship.

"Take last season for example. Wolves were Champions and Not-

tingham Forest only scrambled into third place. Yet Forest are the team setting the First alight.

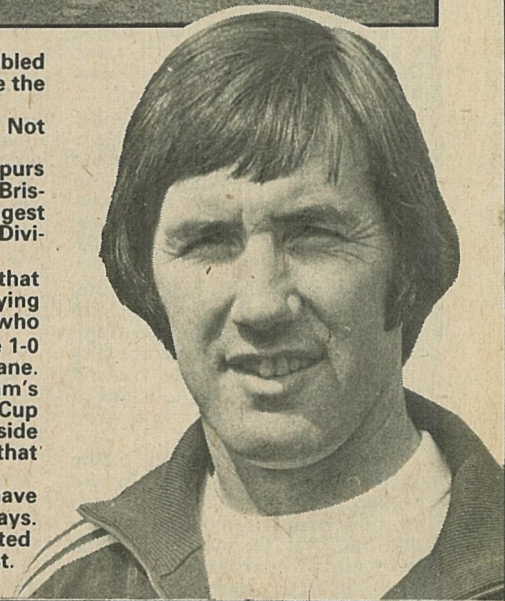
"Promotion is our priority. Not the Championship."

On October 22 this season Spurs handed out a 9-0 drubbing to Bristol Rovers, one of the biggest defeats seen in the Second Division for years.

Yet they did not find life that easy a month earlier when playing London neighbours Fulham, who kept the score to a respectable 1-0 when they visited White Hart Lane.

John Mitchell, one of Fulham's heroes from their F.A. Cup triumphs in 1975, was in the side that day. He has no doubts that Spurs will go up.

"They are the best side I have played against for years," he says. "That includes Manchester United Wolves and Nottingham Forest.



"Spurs won't be in the Second Division next season.

"They play with so much composure and confidence. Every one of them is very talented."

Mitchell is full of praise for Steve Perryman. "He is playing superbly in his new role behind the defence. Almost everything they do springs from him.

"Perryman is surrounded by talent. Neil McNab has a great future and Glenn Hoddle, his potential is frightening!"

But Mitchell puts one question mark against the side. "I don't think they are consistent enough," he says.

"They have a couple of players who can be brilliant one week, then can't be bothered the next.

"If they are going to survive when they go back to the First they must get tougher with these players, or replace them."

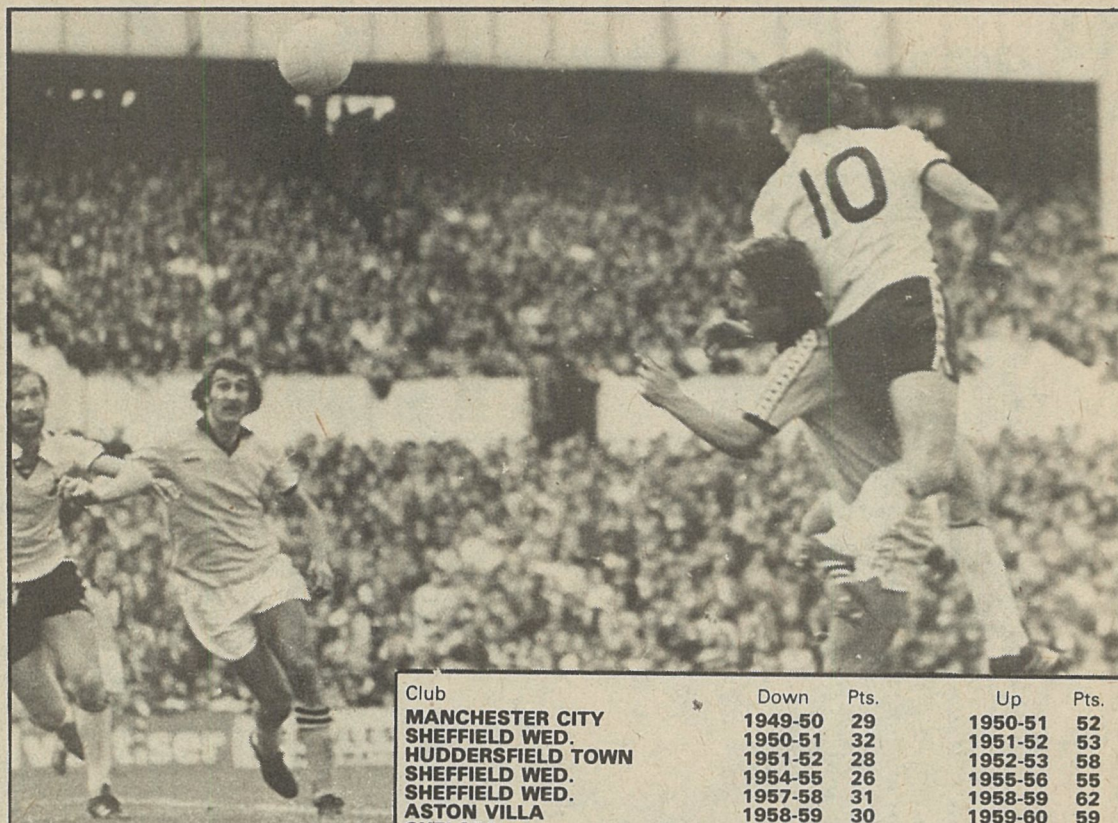
So what has brought about the new Tottenham? How is it a side who were regarded as a soft-touch last season can now command so much respect?

Perryman puts it down to a change in style. "The names haven't changed very much, we've just altered our style of play.

"Whereas we often used to bypass the midfield with long balls to the forwards, we now build patiently from the back.

"Everybody wants the ball. They are not frightened of taking the responsibility any more.

"Keith Burkinshaw has done a great job. Now it's up to us to reward him."



Colin Lee (number 10) climbs above a Bristol Rovers' defender to score his third goal. Spurs eventually won 9-0 with debut boy Lee grabbing four of the goals

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SHEFFIELD WED.	1957-58	31	1958-59	62
ASTON VILLA	1958-59	30	1959-60	59
CHELSEA	1961-62	28	1962-63	52
MANCHESTER UTD.	1973-74	32	1974-75	61
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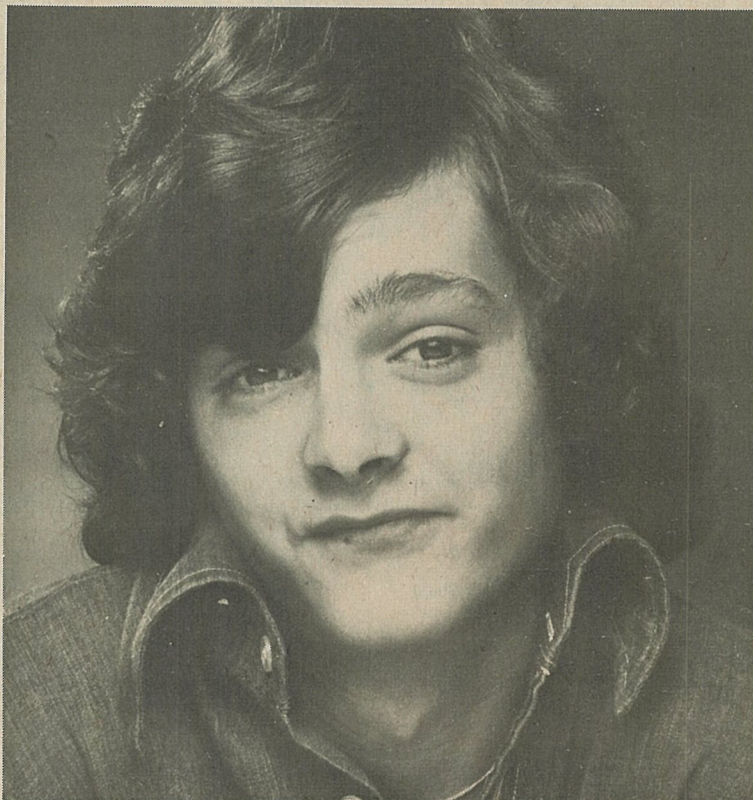
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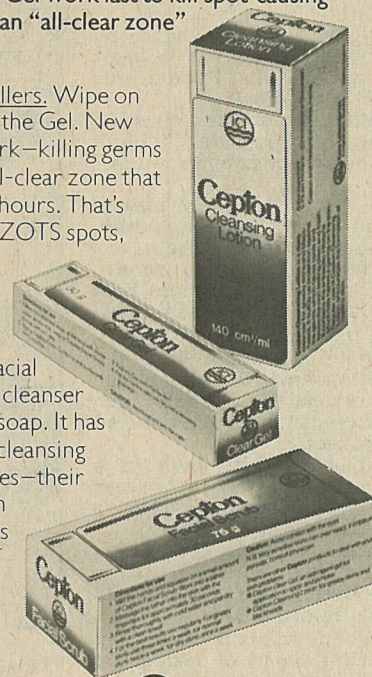


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Many people thought John Greig would retire from football when Billy McNeill (below) called it a day with Celtic.

Tartan Talk

JOHN GREIG

'I want to be a manager'

A FRIEND of mine recently produced a statistic that had yours truly doing some thinking. Do you know I am the oldest player in the Premier Division?

I'm 35-years-old and I don't know how long I have left in the playing side of things, but, like I have said before, I won't be hanging up my boots until I am absolutely certain it is the right thing to do.

However, I must look to the future. Obviously, I would dearly love to keep playing, but although I have been called Scottish soccer's Bionic Man I can't go on forever.

When my big mate, Billy McNeill, quit playing for Celtic four seasons ago a lot of people naturally assumed I would do likewise. Why? I think everyone thought I would bow out at the same time as Billy because I was the same age and had had something like the same measure of success on the park.

I didn't see it that way. For a start Billy was older than me by at least three years! If I had accepted the advice, constructive and otherwise, I would have missed out on Rangers' clean sweep of all three domestic honours two seasons ago.

I would also have given up the opportunity of playing for my country again. I felt like doing a lap of honour round Edinburgh when I heard the news Willie Ormond had selected me to play again in a European Championship match against Denmark at Hampden two years ago. And he made me skipper, too.

But I can't go on forever. It's sad for me, but I know I will have to face it one day. And when will that be? I honestly don't know at the moment. I am still as fit as ever and the team is doing so well at the moment.

We can win everything in Scot-

land again this season. Even our loudest critics have admitted we are playing some very good football. Bertie Auld, the former Celtic midfield general, recently said we were the best Rangers side he had seen in quite some time.

Thank you, Bertie.

Bertie is now, of course, doing such a wonderful job as manager

of Partick Thistle. Praise is coming in from all quarters and it is great to bask in the glory.

However, I stress that come the end of the season all the praise will not influence my decision on whether or not I should stay in the game. It is too easy to be carried along on a wave of euphoria. I will know myself if I still have some-

Davie White, Willie Waddell and Jock Wallace have influenced me along the way while they have been in charge of Rangers. And look at the Scottish bosses I have played under.

Ian McColl, John Prentice, Jock Stein, Bobby Brown and Willie Ormond selected me. The only two who have left me out have been Tommy Docherty and present boss Ally MacLeod.

As soon as The Doc moved in, my international career seemed to come to an abrupt end. When he moved on Ormond brought me in again, but MacLeod, looking to the future, has overlooked me. And who can blame him? Where would I play in this present Scottish side?

I have missed out on playing in the World Cup Finals, but that is all part and parcel of the game. Anyway, that's all for this week. Take care and I'll see you all again in a fortnight.



**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

THE transfer money-go-round in Scotland has been spinning with amazing regularity this season. Stars have been bought and sold as managers look for a successful formula.

Champions Celtic collected £440,000 to replace the glittering skills of Kenny Dalglish and Jock Stein has used some of that money to bring fresh talent to Parkhead.

The first new face was John Dowie, a former Rangers 'S' form signing. Stein paid out £25,000 for the Fulham midfielder. Later that day Stein parted with another £60,000 to buy Tom McAdam from Dundee United.

Dowie's debut was almost sensational. Stein put him straight into the first team in a game against Rangers at Ibrox and Dowie was settling in nicely while Celtic took a 2-0 interval lead. However, in the second-half Dowie was injured as Celtic collapsed to a 3-2 defeat.

The midfielder has now apparently dropped right out of the first team plans at Parkhead. In his rare first team appearances he has looked short of pace and sharpness. Will he prove to be a good buy? Only time will answer that one, but he has taken longer to settle in than expected.

McAdam, too, has hardly set the heather on fire, but there has been

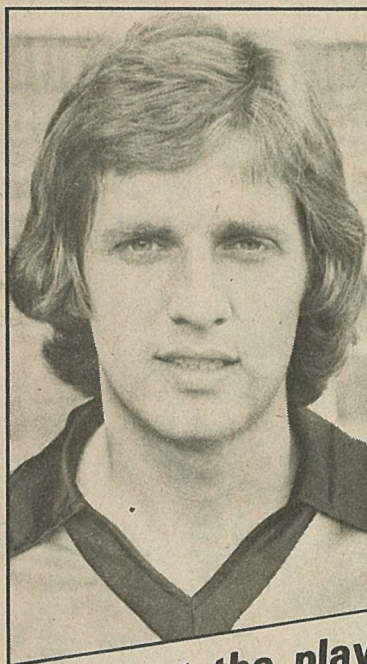
a steady improvement in his play. Once he starts to believe in his own ability he will be a much better player. He is going to have to get more involved, but, given time, he could be a good buy.

Another new Celt is Joe Filippi, the versatile Ayr star who came to Parkhead with Brian McLaughlin and £15,000 going to Somerset Park. Filippi celebrated his debut with a 3-2 victory over Motherwell at Fir Park and Stein said: "I was happy with his performance, particularly in the second-half where his strength told."

Filippi is likely to settle into either a central defensive role or a midfield place. Pat Stanton's injury could still keep him out of the game for quite a while and it is in this position that Filippi could settle.

On the day Filippi was helping his new club to victory over Motherwell, McLaughlin, the player involved in the deal, was

Tom McAdam (right) cost Celtic £60,000 when signed from Dundee United.



son. They paid out £100,000 for Davie Cooper, of Clydebank, and £15,000 for Kilmarnock's gifted Gordon Smith. At the same time they brought in £50,000 by selling Iain Munro to St. Mirren and Alex O'Hara to Partick Thistle.

There seems no doubt that Cooper and Smith have been good buys for Rangers. Cooper has been setting up countless chances with his expertise at drifting past defenders on the left and sending over accurate crosses. Smith has been finishing off those sort of moves in fine style and he will be challenging Derek Johnstone all the way to see who will top the Ibrox goal-scoring charts at the end of the season.

Munro never got the chance to stake a real claim at Ibrox and he eventually returned to St. Mirren, the club with which he made his initial breakthrough. After The Saints he went to Hibs for £30,000 and he joined up at Ibrox three

SHOOT takes a look at the players featured in transfers in Scotland this season

BOUGHT and GOOD



scoring a superb winner for Ayr United against St. Mirren at Somerset Park.

He beat four players in a brilliant run and crashed a shot past his former Celtic colleague Ally Hunter, who was playing his first game for The Saints since signing on a month's trial.

McLaughlin has been injury-prone during his career and this move could do him the world of good. He lost his confidence at Parkhead, but he can prove himself with Ayr United where he will be given every opportunity to show his skills on a consistent basis in the first team.

Another good buy for Ayr boss Alex Stuart has been striker Walker McColl, whom he signed for over £20,000 from Aberdeen last season. Walker, big, brave and strong, has scored many vital goals for Somerset men and Stuart says in admiration: "He must have one of the hardest shots in the game. He can really hit that ball, either on the run or when it's dead. I tell my goalkeepers to watch themselves when they face big Walker in practice games."

Rangers, too, have been buyers and sellers in the market this sea-

sons ago in an exchange deal with Ally Scott and Graham Fyfe going to Easter Road.

Alex Ferguson, the Paisley boss, was delighted to sign Munro. "I've bought a player who can play just about anywhere in my team," says Fergie. "He can play at full-back, midfield and on the wing. I think he's a bargain at £25,000."

Bertie Auld, the Partick Thistle manager, was just as happy with his signing from Rangers, Alex O'Hara. "He's a big-time player," says Bertie. "Alex is the sort of player I want at Firhill. He is versatile and skilful. Another good thing is his ambitious nature. I'm sure he will do well with Thistle."

Rangers have also been involved in the loan market. They loaned Colin Stein to Kilmarnock and Martin Henderson to Hibs. Both these strikers don't seem to have much future at Ibrox and it could be that both will stay with their present clubs.

Gordon Strachan is one of Scottish soccer's "Little Big Men" and it looked at one point as though he would be catapulting out of the First Division from Dundee to the Premier Division with Celtic.

The Parkhead men were slow off the mark, however, and former Celtic skipper Billy McNeill — now the Aberdeen manager, of course — got in first with a bid which another former Celt, Tommy Gem-

Gordon Smith (left) has played well for Rangers since his move from Kilmarnock.

mell, now the Dundee boss, found acceptable.

McNeill offered £50,000 plus versatile midfielder Jim Shirra for Strachan and Gemmell accepted. Both managers were delighted with the double move. "Strachan can put more bite into our midfield," says McNeill while Gemmell immediately made Shirra his skipper for his debut match against Stirling Albion.

Gemmell has been busy in the transfer market this season. He paid out £15,000 for Rangers' Ian MacDougall and received the same amount from Motherwell for outside-left Ian Purdie, the former Aberdeen player who never settled at Dens Park.

Billy Williamson left Pittodrie for Dundee and Gemmell sold international midfielder Bobby Robinson to rivals Dundee United. And Gemmell warns he is not finished

there. He is still on the look-out for new players in his effort to push the Dens Park club back into the Top Ten.

Dundee United were involved in one transfer deal which brought headaches to the Scottish Press. Manager Jim McLean bought Gordon Wallace from Raith Rovers to play in his attack . . . beside Gordon Wallace, another former Raith Rovers striker!

The Tannadice team-mates have got round the problem by calling the latest Gordon Wallace "Nicholas". Explains the new boy: "The lads have been kidding me on about my name. They call me Nicholas after Nicholas Parsons, who, of course, hosts the television programme 'The Sale of the Century'."

"Why? I don't look like Mr. Parsons, but in one of my first games for the club I slipped in front of



Aberdeen boss Billy McNeill offered £50,000 plus Shirra for Gordon Strachan (above). Alex O'Hara (below, dark strip) is now playing for Partick Thistle.

McNicoll has recovered from serious injury and he could play a vital part in Hearts' efforts to get back into the Premier Division.

One of their main challenges in the fight for promotion are Morton, whose boss Benny Rooney has been very careful in the transfer market. He pulled off a master stroke when he signed attacker Andy Ritchie from Celtic in exchange for goalkeeper Roy Baines.

Free

Baines replaced Denis Connaghan as the deputy to Peter Latchford at Parkhead . . . and now Connaghan has been signed by the Cappielow club on a free transfer!

These, then, are just some of the moves on the merry-go-round in Scotland. Unfortunately not all of them will prove to be successful. Some players will make it to the top while others will fail to show the promise which prompted a manager into making a move for them in the first place.

Possibly another change will help them in their careers . . . and then the transfer cash cycle will revolve yet again.

SOLD~ or BAD?

Iain Munro (left) is now in his second spell with St. Mirren.

goal and missed an easy chance. The lads reckoned it was the miss of the century, hence the nickname!"

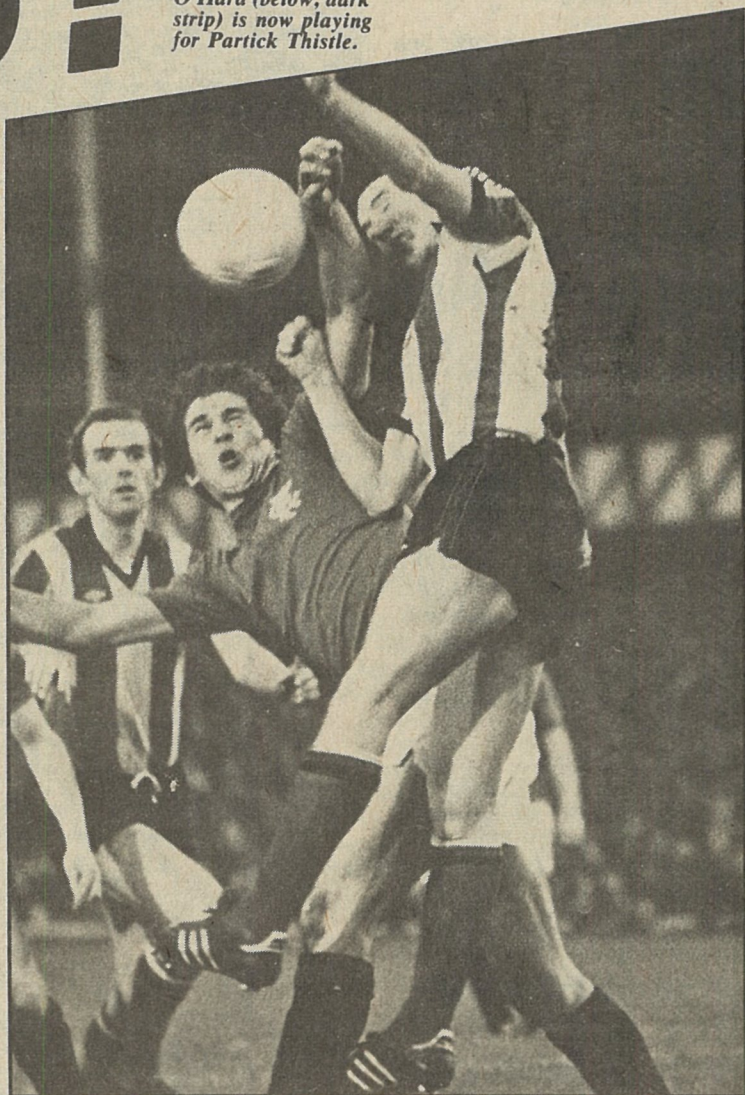
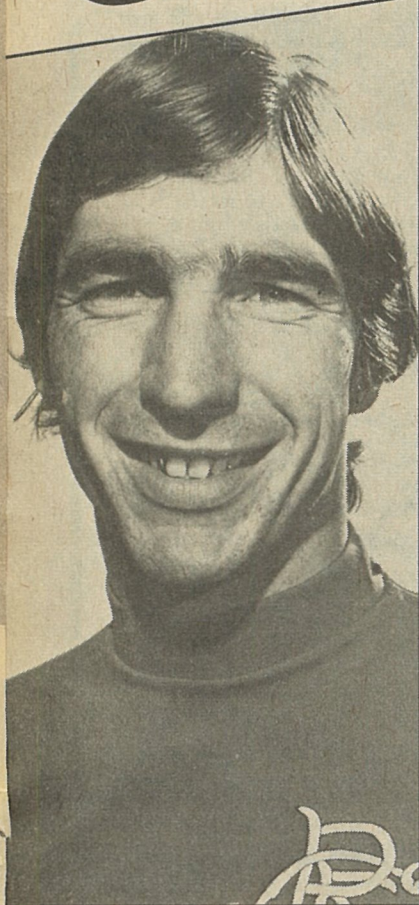
United also parted with £65,000 to sign John Bourke from Dumbarton and Jim McLean reckons he will play the part Andy Gray had in the Tannadice attack before his £110,000 transfer to Aston Villa.

Dumbarton didn't hold on to the cash they received from United. They paid out £15,000 to Hibs for Graham Fyfe and before that they had paid out a similar fee for Celtic sweeper Pat McCluskey. Another new face at Boghead Park is former Airdrie stalwart Derek Whiteford. He joined up shortly after the club had signed former Hearts goalkeeper Jim Cruickshank, who was given a shock free transfer by the Tynecastle club.

Satisfied

His place at Hearts has been taken by former Stenhousemuir keeper Ray Dunlop and former international manager Willie Ormond is more than satisfied with the performance of the youngster.

Ormond has also been in the market to buy Montrose's defender Dave McNicoll, who can play either centre-half or sweeper.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Manchester City beat Luton Town 3-2 in a League Cup Third Round second replay. Where was the game played?

2. Who scored City's winner in extra-time?

3. This international midfield star began his League career with Bury before joining The Magpies in February, 1973, for £25,000. In November, 1974, he joined the previous season's F.A. Cup winners for an estimated £175,000. Can you identify him?

4. On Saturday, November 5th, the following players each scored winning goals. Can you name their clubs? (a) Steve Ayloft, (b) Mick Vinter and (c) Steve Phillips.

5. On the same day, November 5th, two Southampton players were sent-off against Blackburn. Who were the pair?

6. Did Stoke City win their first major trophy — the Football League Cup — in 1970-71, 1971-72 or 1972-73?

7. Former Manchester United star Jim Holton has been playing for which First Division club this season?

8. Walsall manager Dave Mackay was a member of Tottenham's F.A. Cup winning sides of 1960-61 and 1961-62. Did he captain the club to their triumphs?

9. Nottingham Forest's Peter Withe (right) has played for four other Football League clubs during his career. Can you name them?

10. Viv Busby of Norwich City was transferred recently for around £50,000 to which Second Division club?



11. Leicester City have had seven managers since the last War. Johnny Duncan, Norman Bullock, David Halliday, Matt Gillies, Frank O'Farrell and Frank McLintock are six. Who is the seventh?

12. Which 31-year-old Londoner was given his first England squad call-up for the game v. Italy in November?

13. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of an England defender and his club... VADE TNAOSW (NSMEREATHC YICT).

14. Martin Buchan, skipper of Manchester United, is a Scottish international. Did he (a) play for the Under-23 side, (b) which club was he with when he made his full debut in 1972 and (c) has he ever played in a World Cup Finals with Scotland?

15. Two players — one from Plymouth, the other from Wolves — both joined Burnley recently. Name them.

ANSWERS:

1. Old Trafford, home of Manchester United. 2. Brian Kidd. 3. Terry McDermott. 4. (a) Chelsea, (b) Notts County, (c) Brentford. 5. Peter Osgood and Steve Williams. 6. 1971-72. 7. Coventry. 8. No — Danny Yes — in 1974. 9. Brian Hall and (c) Aberdeen. 10. (a) Yes — son (Manchester City), 14. (a) Yes — Bonds (West Ham), 15. Dave Wat- City, 11. Jimmy Bloomfield, 12. Billy Wolves and Birmingham, 10. Stoke

Blanchflower. 9. Southport, Barrow, 72. 7. Coventry. 8. No — Danny Yes — in 1974. 9. Brian Hall and (c) Aberdeen. 10. (a) Yes — son (Manchester City), 14. (a) Yes — Bonds (West Ham), 15. Dave Wat- City, 11. Jimmy Bloomfield, 12. Billy Wolves and Birmingham, 10. Stoke

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

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Kevin Hector (above) played Third and Fourth Division football with former League club Bradford Park Avenue. His present club Derby were in the Second when he moved there. The controversial Stan Bowles (left) has appeared in all Divisions with Man. City, Bury, Crewe, Carlisle and Q.P.R.

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